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NEW DECADE - 1990
NEW LEADERSHIP

Norma Stewart Winegeart is the newly elected and installed president of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. She is married to the Rev. Jack Winegeart and they live in Plain Dealing.

Norma has lived in "all four corners and in the middle of the state." She was born in Haynesville, started to school in Monroe and moved to Shreveport when she was nine years old. She is a graduate of Byrd High School and Centenary College. While a student at Centenary she began working in the office at the First Methodist Church, Shreveport. Her mother, Mabel Stewart, was the WSCS Conference Secretary. In planning their wedding, Norma and Jack were told it could be whatever date they wanted as long as it didn't interfere with the WSCS Annual Meeting. So, the wedding was the weekend after Annual Meeting.

Jack was director of Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas and associate pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, at that time. They returned to the Louisiana Conference and have served churches in Lake Arthur, DeQuincy, Ponchatoula, Haynesville, Horseshoe Drive in Alexandria, DeRidder, Christ Church in Shreveport and Plain Dealing.

Norma was first a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild and has been active in the WSCS/UMW wherever they have lived. She has also held office in the Lake Charles, Baton Rouge, Ruston and Alexandria Districts.

She was appointed UMW Conference Historian 1979-1982 and was elected UMW Conference vice president 1982-1986.

She served on the Conference Commission on Archives and History for two quadrenniums; was chairperson of the task group that published "Becoming One People - a History of Louisiana Methodism."

Rev. and Mrs. Winegeart have a son and a daughter and four grandchildren.

Norma Winegeart
Conference President

Seola Callahan

Seola Porteous Callahan, our newly elected Conference Secretary, was born in Elizabeth, Louisiana, and has lived all her life in this state. She became a Methodist in 1954, attended McNeese State University and majored in Business and Accounting. Seola is married to Lawrence Callahan and they have three children and five grandchildren. They now live in Oakdale where she serves as financial secretary for First U.M. Church; Treasurer for local UMW; Chairperson of Lake Charles Council on Ministries; Secretary of Louisiana Conference Council on Ministries and Certified Lay Speaker. Seola has held many offices in Wesleyan Service Guild (including President) and United Methodist Women. She has been church secretary for many years and presently serves as a legal secretary, bookkeper and court reporter. Her hobbies include her grandchildren, swimming, sewing and United Methodist Women.

Wilma Crosby

Wilma Crosby is a graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi. She received her degrees in Religious Education and served as Mississippi Conference Director of Youth Work for three years before marrying the Rev. Tom Crosby. They transferred to the Louisiana Conference in 1956. Wilma has served many different offices in the United Methodist Women on the local, district, and conference level. Wilma has just been elected to a second term of Conference Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns. She has also been active in Girl Scouts and P.T.A. The Crosbys have three children and four grandchildren and they live in DeQuincy.

Lois Heath

Marilyn Ray

Marilyn Ray was elected Conference Chairperson, Committee on Membership. She is a past President of the New Orleans-Slidell District and had also served as their District Secretary. A member of Bethany United Methodist Church in New Orleans, Marilyn has served as Mission Coordinator for Global Concerns and will serve as Vice President of her local unit. Active in the Church School and a member of the Bethany Bible Study Group, Marilyn was also recently appointed At-Large Member of the Administrative Board.

Fannie P. Reddix

Fannie P. Reddix is the new Chairperson for Publicity and Public Relations. A graduate of Southern University and Indiana University, she is Coordinator of Cooperative Office Education at Cohen High School in New Orleans. Fannie has also taught in St. Charles and Caddo Parish schools. She is advisor to Vocational Youth Organization, Future Business Leaders of America. Fannie is a member of Haven United Methodist Church where she has held many offices. She has served as a Den Mother, Co-chair of style show for Lafon Home and PTA President. Married to Dr. Roscoe Reddix, Sr., they have three children and one grandchild.

NEW MEMBERS OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bette Adams

Sylvia Redman

Kathy Shea

Bette Adams is a member of First U.M.C. in Houma where she serves as Vice President of her unit. She and her husband moved there from Dallas 17 years ago. They have two children and one grandchild. Bette works with wood crafts.

Sylvia Redman is a member of First U.M.C. in Slidell, having moved there from Tulsa, Oklahoma. She and her husband have six children and twelve grandchildren. Sylvia has been very active all her life in Church School work (teaching and supervisory) and in Girl Scout work. She is now active in A.A.R.P. and older adult work.

Kathy Shea is a native of Rhode Island, joined the Navy where she met her husband and settled in the south. Now a member of First U.M.C. in Pineville, Kathy serves as President of her local unit and has been a district officer. She teaches in the Church School and assists in the ministry to senior adults. She does volunteer work at Friendship House -- a day care center for the elderly.

Lois Randall Heath has been elected to a second term as Secretary of Program Resources. Lois is a Counselor and Assistant Professor at Southern University. She received her degrees from Southern and also did further study at Atlanta University and Southeastern University. She is a member of St. Mark U.M. Church where she is active in choir, U.M.W., Youth and Campus Ministry and Vacation Church School teacher. Lois has also served in various offices on the district and conference levels. She is active in community work, doing volunteer work for Meals on Wheels and YWCA. She is married and has one son. Lois' special interests involve public speaking, cooking, gardening, traveling, reading and sewing.

Gladys Prillerman

Gladys Teague Prillerman has been elected Chairperson, Committee on Nominations. She is a Shreveport native, a graduate of Arkansas State College, Louisiana State University and did post graduate work at University Southern California, and Northwestern State. Gladys is retired from her position of Supervisor of Elementary Education in the Caddo Parish School system. She is a member of St. James U.M. Church where she serves as Chairperson of the Administrative Council, Assistant Director of the Day Care Center, certified lay speaker, Sunday School teacher, and member of the choir and several other church groups. Gladys holds several offices on the district level also and is a member of the Centenary Church Council. She is very active in civic and cultural work.

REPORT TIME!!

Each LOCAL UNIT had an evaluation report form to fill out and send to the DISTRICT PRESIDENT by DECEMBER 15th.

District Presidents are to compile these and send a DISTRICT REPORT to the CONFERENCE PRESIDENT by FEBRUARY 15th. Then, the CONFERENCE PRESIDENT is to compile the district reports and send a CONFERENCE REPORT to WOMEN'S DIVISION by MARCH 20th.

It all goes back to the LOCAL UNIT. You must send in your reports in order for District and Conference Presidents to have reports. If you have not sent in a report for 1989 please do it NOW - even though late.

At the September 1989 Annual Meeting, the Conference Executive Committee approved an additional Guideline for Honoraria. "The Executive Committee recommends that out-of-town study leaders and speakers who participate in district or local UMW meetings be paid travel expenses at least according to Conference UMW guidelines in addition to any gift or honorarium the unit may choose to present."

This action was taken to insure that visiting study leaders and speakers are reimbursed for travel expenses at least, since it is almost impossible to determine the cost of preparation time, etc. that a visiting leader may make for an event. Additionally, many women don't consider their time and talent in terms of dollars and cents, but rather as a gift to further the work of United Methodist Women in the name of the Lord.

You might want to consider a Standing Rule for your local or district UMW, if you don't have a policy, at present, concerning honoraria for out-of-town study leaders and speakers.

Mary Margaret Barr
Constitution and By-Laws

JURISDICTION EVENT

Each Local Woman: Claiming Our Heritage in Mission

The South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women are planning a jurisdiction-wide training event for selected participants from each conference. These people in turn will plan and implement spin-off events in the annual conferences. The training session will be held on November 9-11, 1990, at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Two of the representatives must be women who have been members of United Methodist Women at least two years but who have not held an elected office beyond the local unit. At least one of these must be 35 years old or younger. The third person will be a member of the conference mission team.

Each district was asked to present applications by January 15th. The conference will then nominate up to six persons and the final selections will be made by the jurisdiction Core Planning Group. Applicants will be notified of the results by May 1.

The spin-off events will focus on strengthening the local unit through creative programming and interpretation of expanding concepts of mission.

1990 ASSEMBLY OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

ASSEMBLY

An *ASSEMBLY*, or gathering, of United Methodist Women is usually held once each quadrennium.

"Witnesses for a New World" will be the theme for the Assembly to be held May 3-6, 1990, in Kansas City, Missouri. The opening session will be held on Thursday, May 3, at 7:45 p.m. and the closing will be at noon on Sunday, May 6.

All general sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium Arena. Smaller Focus Groups will be held on Friday and Saturday. You will have lunch on these days in the same location as your group meeting. Your registration fee of $65 will cover your registration, packet of program materials while you are there, and lunches on Friday and Saturday. You will be responsible for all other meals.

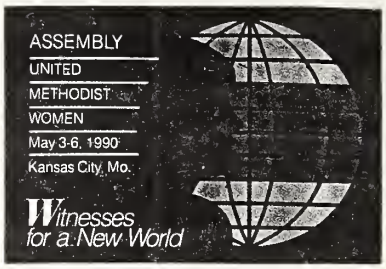
Each one will be responsible for their own transportation and hotel rooms.

REGISTER NOW

As of the first of December 70 people from the Louisiana Conference had registered. Word from the Assembly business manager, Brenda E. Cameron, is that "5,000 registrations have been received. When we reach 10,000 we will have to close registrations for lack of seats in the arena. If there are not any seats left, we will not be able to accept registrations." About 150 packets have been distributed throughout the state. If you plan to attend you should send your registration form and fee IMMEDIATELY. You need to register whether you plan to stay in a hotel or with friends or relatives.

The Louisiana Conference has a block of rooms reserved at the Hyatt Regency, Crown Center, which will be held until February 16. However, if the 10,000 registration is reached prior to that time, registration will be closed.

Registration packets are available from your conference president: Norma S. Winegeart, P. O. Box 156, Plain Dealing, Louisiana 71064-0156 or directly from Assembly Business Office, 7820 Reading Road, Caller No. 1800, Cincinnati, Ohio 45222-1800.



CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Your conference mission team elected the following delegates: Norma S. Winegeart, Betty Ferrington, Seola Callahan, Mary Spell, Lois Heath and Taylor Phillips. Alternates are: Georgie Dunbar, Marilyn Ray and Celina Johnson.

Louisiana UMW tee shirts have been designed and are available. It is suggested that those attending the Assembly plan to wear them on Friday. These are to be ordered and owned on a personal basis. Anyone may order them through your district president.

WALL OF WITNESSES

Each local unit was asked to send a list of their membership to be included in a "Wall of Witnesses" during the Assembly. An urgent request went out on November 11th, and unfortunately some of the letters were not even delivered until December 11th. Three hundred letters went out and as of this writing only 150 units have responded.

OFFERING

"Witnessing for Children and Youth in a New World"

The 1990 Assembly Offering is dedicated to help alleviate the needs of children and youth. Each local unit can participate in two ways. Your unit can make a monetary gift to the offering through your district treasurer. Seventy-five percent of the offering willl be used within the five jurisdictions of the United States and 25 percent in other parts of the world. Each Jurisdiction will receive an equal share.

Your unit can apply for a grant not to exceed $2,500 to fund services such as after school and weekend programs, special health care of children and youth, ministries and counseling that promotes alternatives to suicide, substance abuse and adolescent pregnancy; ministries to runaways and the homeless; advocacy for public policies and legislation to benefit children and youth; and ministries to youth in prison and children of incarcerated parents. As well as other programs related to the needs of children and youth.

Through this offering, United Methodist Women have the opportunity to build the future for today's children as well as the children of tomorrow. Every local unit is encouraged to participate with a gift. Please send the gift through your district treasurer with your first quarter report or no later than April 15.

GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

This is the time of year when our thoughts turn to the past - to our accomplishments and our failures. We also look to the present and think of those things we would like to accomplish. Resolutions are made to encourage us to do better in 1990. We set goals for ourselves and that is good! Goals help us to know where we are going and what we hope to attain.

For United Methodist Women, goal setting is most important. How else can we be sure that we fulfill our Purpose? We as a Conference Committee on Program met last July to set goals for 1990. (You know how United Methodist Women like to plan ahead!) At that meeting we introduced SAM. SAM was most instrumental in helping us set the goals for our Conference as he reminded us that they should always be Simple, Attainable and Measurable.

We urge each district and local unit to adopt these goals as they were presented at Conference Annual Meeting. It is only through your adoption and implementation that they can be attained. Remember, you are Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. So, claim these goals as yours and implement them as only you can.

God bless each of you as you work to make the PURPOSE of United Methodist Women come alive in Louisiana and all over the world.

GOALS

1. Increase membership to 13,500 in 1990 through establishing a unit in every church and increasing membership in each established unit.

2. Increase undesignated giving to $323,000 in 1990:
   a. each member increase pledge 10¢ a day to fund one minute of mission, $36.50.
   b. all district and conference offerings go undesignated
   c. each unit give one more Special Mission Recognition and all units give at least one.
   d. each unit emphasize the World Thank Offering using the "31-derful Ways" Campaign in October.

3. Promote the implementation of the Campaign for Children in each local unit.

4. Emphasize the four missional areas: Christian Personhood, Supportive Community, Christian Social Involvement, and Christian Global Concerns through:
   a. individual participation in the Reading Program.
   b. unit participation in the Mission Studies.
   c. utilization of United Methodist Women's program resources and publications.

5. Implement the Charter for Racial Justice Policies.

In Christ's Love,
Betty Ferrington
Vice President

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

1990 Annual Assembly

March 15-17, 1990

Host Church: Jefferson United Methodist
10328 Jefferson Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn South
9940 Airline Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

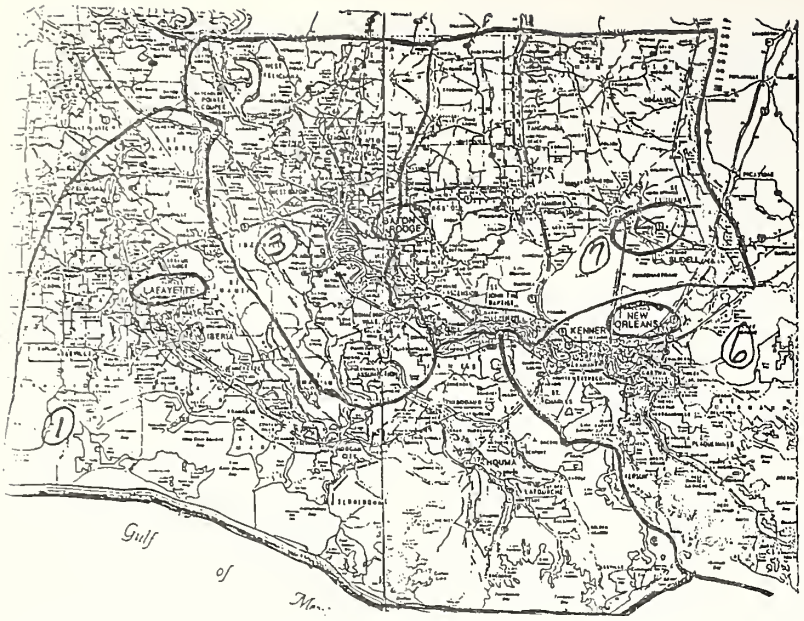
Registration Fee: $25.00 (before March 1)

Registration Information:
Mrs. Kay Klingler
1141 Woodstone Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
or
Mrs. Joyce Reed
10203 Ridgely Drive
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Assembly Theme:
"CWU: Rooted in Faith"

Keynote Speaker: Helen Jones
former Vice President
national CWU
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Tentative Agenda will include a tour of St. Gabriel Prison for Women; Worship, Business, and Workshops on Women and Children and Poverty

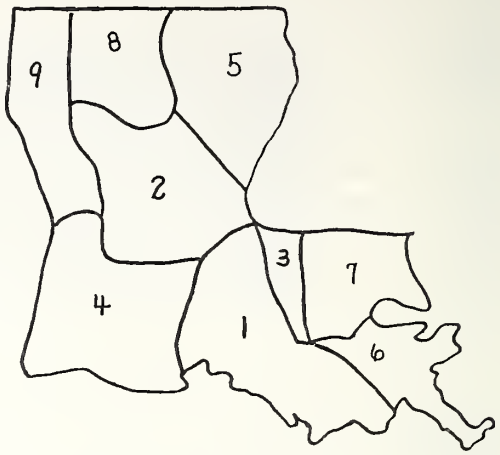


ALIGNMENT OF DISTRICTS

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NINE DISTRICTS

1 - Acadiana
2 - Alexandria
3 - Baton Rouge
4 - Lake Charles
5 - Monroe
6 - New Orleans
7 - North Shore
8 - Ruston
9 - Shreveport



LENTEN OPPORTUNITY
JOURNEY OF LOVE

During the season of Lent, we will be participating in the Journey of Love. This is a voluntary program for anyone choosing to be involved. The purpose is to share LOVE with others during the season of Lent and to focus on the love which Jesus Christ has given to each one of us.

WEEK NO. 1 - February 12-18
The Hand of Love -- write a letter to someone telling them what they mean to you.

WEEK NO. 2 - February 19-25
The Voice of Love -- Call one or several persons sharing your love with them.

WEEK NO. 3 - February 26 - March 4
The Deed of Love -- Do something for someone - take them a pie, a plant, etc. to show them you care.

WEEK NO. 4 - March 5-11
The Heart of Love -- Pray for ten persons during this week - even some of your enemies.

WEEK NO. 5 - March 12-18
The Mind of Love -- Read your Bible this week. Read the whole book of Mark.

WEEK NO. 6 - March 19-25
The Victory of Love -- Celebrate the joy of Easter.

Taylor Phillips, Coordinator
Supportive Community

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT
January 1990 Newsletter

We remember that Methodist people have always been people who looked to the improvement of society, elimination of ills, and upgrading of conditions where improvement or change is needed. There are many avenues by which this can be attempted. First, be alert, resourceful, and aware of things around us in the world today and knowledgeable. Second, be in touch with key persons who can make a difference. Let them know what we think on things - congressmen, legislators, community officials and leaders. Where you can, be in a group situation to find out about things or to give your input; you may make your opinion heard or given when necessary. Third, make a plan, selecting issues which affect your areas. It is always good to vary your concerns but don't narrow them down too much. Decide on a national, an international, a state and local issue - learn about it, do what you can to promote your stand. Fourth, alert your local units and C.S.I. coordinators about things so they can follow your leadership.

Impact, a newsletter from Washington, D.C. television, newspapers, and other publications keeps you informed. Act on the information given in Impact when you can. Cards, letters, and phone calls to officials make a difference in how they vote, etc. As you attend meetings, you will also gather materials to study.

Get on the Board of Church and Society in your church district and where there is one locally in your church; encourage your C.S.I. coordinators to get on this so they can keep up with the conference issues that are being followed. As you gather materials, make yourself a file of some sort in order that you can locate materials in a centralized spot. A cardboard box is lightweight and works well. Keep it in alphabetized order and up-to-date so when people come to you for materials, you can find them quickly. Also, devise some sort of checkout so that you will know who has what.

In this C.S.I. area, one can spend much time and devotion to social causes or issues. If people are not kept alert to needs, much of our Father's business will not be done. So do as much as you can and pray that God will take your efforts and magnify them.

May God bless you in this work!

Georgie P. Dunbar
Louisiana Conference Coordinator
Christian Social Involvement
United Methodist Women

ESTELLE DAMERON
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1990 Schools of Christian Mission: School I - July 17-20 and School II - July 20-22. This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on Membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting women interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend School I or School II and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

PLEASE send only one applicant per unit per school (I or II). Applications must be mailed to:

Dr. Marilyn Ray
10341 Flossmoor Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

SEND APPLICATIONS NO LATER THAN MAY 30, 1990

ESTELLE DAMERON
School of Christian Mission Scholarship
APPLICATION

District_____Unit (name of church)_____

Location_____New_____No. in unit_____

Name of Applicant_____

Address_____Phone_____

City_____Zip_____

Applicant has_____ has not_____ attended a School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant prefers to attend weekday School I ( )
weekend School II ( )

Applicant's age grouping: high school_____

under 35_____ 36-50_____ 51 and above_____

Employed full time_____ part time_____

Retired_ _____ Student_____ Homemaker_____

Age of children: pre-school_____ school_____

not at home_____

Applicant's choice of study:
Galatians - everyone participates
Central America ( )
Gospel, Culture & Media ( )

Name of unit president or contact person:

_____

Address_____

City_____Phone_____

To be written by applicant on a separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because —

"1990 Schools of Christian Mission, Centenary College, July 17-20 and 20-22.

Our studies will be:
Gospel, Culture & Media taught by Sue C. Johnson, Lester Allen and Rev. Alonzo Campbell
People of a Prophetic Church: Central America taught by Leora Hatch, Margaret Bryan and Rev. Marta L. Sanfiel
Galatians taught by Rev. Rosemary Brown

Our music director will be Annette Fortuna and our pianist will be Frances Terrell.

On this page you will see an article regarding the Estelle Dameron Scholarship.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and encourage all members in your unit to attend. We are very excited about our studies, study group leaders, and music directors. We believe that we will all go away encouraged and uplifted.

Watch for further details in your April Newsletter."
Ola McNaughton, Dean
1990 Schools of Christian Mission

It is again that season of the year when we have experienced the joy of Christmas, the advent of our Lord and the pleasure of giving and receiving. What a wonderful time of the year.

Thanks to each of you for continuing to work and support mission around the world.

To be in mission is an ongoing task. The local U.M.W. units are unique in their opportunity to help persons of all ages to grow in faith, to expand their mission horizons and to grow in their outreach.

Therefore, you may use the U.M.W. AudioVisual Resources listed below. They are available from the conference Audio-Visual Library, Headquarters Building, 527 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802-5720.

Happy New Year!
Lois Heath
Secretary of Program Resources

AUDIO—VISUAL RESOURCES

I. VHS
Crush
Glimpse of Heaven
Candle in the Wind
Islam: Smithsonian World
Four Philippine Profiles
Faces of Poverty
Francis Willard
The Good Mind

II. Slides
Swords Into Plowshares
Toward Health and Wholeness
Korea
Caring for God's Earth
Crossroads in Southern Asia
Native People of North America
Daniel
Technology in Tension With Human Values
Luke
Parables of Jesus
Central Africa
Europe
Suffering and The Community of Faith
South Africa
Faces of Poverty in Our Midst
People and Churches of the USSR
Ground Water, The Hidden Resource (full carrousel)

III. Kits (includes slides, cassette and script)
An Indian Jesus
Navaho
African Emergency
People on the Move
Void of Desolation
Women and The Early Church
Keromamang: Whom Shall I Send?
In Hope Witnessing: The Church in Korea
Dangerous Crossroads
Oikoumoene

January 28
U.M.W. Sunday

February 9-10
Mid Year Executive Committee Meeting
Tall Timbers Conference Center

March 2
World Day of Prayer
March 15-17
C.W.U. State Assembly
Jefferson U.M.C., Baton Rouge

April 21
Finance, Membership, Nominations, Standing Rules Committee Meetings
David Haas Memorial UMC, Bunkie

May 4
May Fellowship Day
May 3-6
UMW Assembly
Kansas City, Missouri

June 4-7
Annual Conference
Centenary College
June 16-20
Regional School of Mission
(For ALL Conference Officers)
Centenary College

July 17-20
School of Christian Mission I
July 20-22
School of Christian Mission II
Centenary College

August
District Mini-Schools

September 14-15
UMW Conference Annual Meeting
First UMC, Monroe

October
District Annual Meetings
October 26-27
District Elected Leaders' Training
Tall Timbers Conference Center

November 2
World Community Day
November 10
School of Christian Committee Meeting
David Haas Memorial UMC, Bunkie

We hope that each and every one of you have held or are planning to hold a special day of recognition of your local unit in your church service. The official day set by the Annual Conference is January 28, but if this is not a convenient date, please schedule it at another time. Please remember to send me a report of your celebration afterwards, including your bulletin or any other materials you have used for this celebration. Send to:

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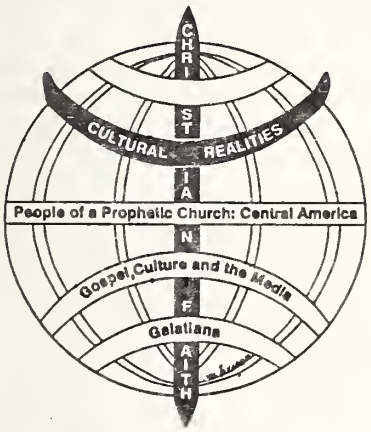


1990 School of Christian Mission

July 17 - 20 & July 20 - 22

"Christian Faith and Cultural Realities"

The Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission is one of the most exciting educational events in the conference. It gives local women the opportunity for leadership development.

The theme for our school this year will be "Christian Faith and Cultural Realities" as noted in the above artwork by Margaret Bryan.

Gladys Prillerman is the Assistant Dean this year. We have secured an outstanding staff of study group leaders. "Galatians" will be taught to the entire school by Rev. Rosemary Brown. The faculty for "People of a Prophetic Church: Central America" includes Mrs. Margaret Bryan, Mrs. Leora Hatch, and Rev. Marta Sandfiel. The study "Gospel Culture Media" will be presented by Mrs. Lester Allen, Rev. Alonzo Campbell and Miss Sue Johnson.

We would like to have a representative from each unit. Make plans NOW to attend one of the two sessions. Remember, if you are pre-registered (the form is in this Newsletter) you are insured on your travel from home to school and back.

Scholarships are available from the Conference United Methodist Women, as well as from some districts. Contact your district president or conference membership chairperson, Dr. Marilyn Ray.

Arrive early enough to settle in before the opening meal (lunch at 12:00 noon on Tuesday or dinner on Friday at 5:45 P.M.). Those attending for the first time will want to attend the orientation session scheduled for each school. See the detailed schedule for time and place.

Seola Callahan and Fannie Reddix have a great night of fellowship planned for you. Gladys and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. Join us for an experience you won't forget!

Ola McNaughton
Dean of 1990 School

Ola McNaughton
Dean

Gladys Prillerman
Assistant Dean

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND CULTURAL REALITIES

Each generation of Christians struggles with living faithfully in the midst of cultural forces that would deny its faith. By understanding how our faith is shaped by the culture in which we live, we may become more receptive to Gospel visions as they are experienced by sisters and brothers whose worldview and culture differs from our own.

GALATIANS

This study will focus on the disciplines essential for Christian living, including a discussion of the fruit of the spirit and of Christian freedom in relation to law as interpreted in the Hebrew Scriptures and New Testament writing.

PEOPLE OF A PROPHETIC CHURCH: CENTRAL AMERICA

The people of Central America are facing critical issues. They are struggling for life, for self-determination, and for a future for the growing new generation. To understand these struggles, it is necessary to be acquainted with the history and culture of the region's peoples, their political, social and economic systems, the relationships of Central American countries to one another and their neighbors, and their uniqueness and creative contributions, and their needs and hopes.

GOSPEL, CULTURE AND MEDIA

The purpose of this study will be to help North American Christians better understand the ways in which particular expressions of our faith have been/are shaped by the culture in which we live, to the end that we may be more receptive to Gospel visions as they are experienced and expressed by others whose worldview and cultures differ from our own.

ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION CLOSED

The quadrennial ASSEMBLY of United Methodist Women had an announced limit of 10,000 registrations. This number was filled by early February. Therefore, a large number of our women have had their registrations returned.

The Louisiana Conference does have 132 persons registered to attend. If for any reason someone cannot attend, please let the Conference president, Norma Winegeart, know immediately (318/326-4746). Please DO NOT cancel with the Assembly Office for we will then lose this space. Let me know and we can make a substitution from those on our waiting list.

The Assembly Office reported that one woman who called too late to register said, "when you ask United Methodist Women to come, they come. I should not have waited to register." Her name is Legion.

Norma Winegeart
Conference President

HOUSING – MEALS – COST

Housing for everyone attending the Schools of Christian Mission will be in the James Dormitory on the Centenary College Campus. Please fill in the information requested on the Housing Form which will be sent in with your registration. Check with the person you list as your choice for a roommate. All rooms have two single beds with an adjoining room and bath to complete the suite.

BRING bed linens, pillow, BLANKET, towels, etc. Dormitories and classrooms are air-conditioned and often cold. . .so do bring the BLANKET and a SWEATER. Bring walking shoes and come prepared for rain.

If you have special needs becuase of health problems, please note this on your registration form. IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE. There are a limited number of first floor rooms and special diets are not available.

All who stay on campus are expected to purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. The week-day school will include lunch on Tuesday through breakfast on Friday. The week-end school meals begin with supper on Friday and end with breakfast on Sunday.

ANYONE NOT ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO COMES EARLY SHALL PAY $10.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS IN THE CAFETERIA.

WEEK–DAY SCHOOL

Meals . . . . . .$31.50 (9 meals)
Housing. . . . . .$30.00 (3 nights)

WEEK–END SCHOOL

Meals . . . . . .$17.50 (5 meals)
Housing. . . . . .$20.00 (2 nights)

Your address on campus will be:
James Dormitory
P. O. Box 41188
Shreveport, Louisiana 71134-1188
Telephone: 318-869-5313

In response to requests that the Women's Division resume responsibilities for missionary education of children and youth, a pilot training event for adults interested in providing such programs will be held June 1-3, 1990, at Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

Approximately 25 persons have been selected to attend this event, including the Louisiana Conference nominee, Evelyn Evans.

SCHEDULE ~ SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

SCHOOL I

Tuesday, July 17, 1990

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Registration: James Dorm Learning Center Resource Room
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	First Timers, Green Room, Cafeteria
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 P.M.	Opening Plenary: Smith
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.	Class
3:00 - 3:15 P.M.	Break
3:15 - 4:30 P.M.	Class
4:30 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center/Resource Room
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 6:55 P.M.	Singing
6:55 - 8:45 P.M.	Galatians (5 minute break)

Wednesday, July 18

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Devotion
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:15 A.M.	Plenary on Media with AVs
9:30 - 10:30 A.M.	Officer Up-date, Reports/Skits
10:45 - 11:45 A.M.	Galatians
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 P.M.	Rest
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.	Class
3:00 - 3:15 P.M.	Break
3:15 - 4:30 P.M.	Class
4:30 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center/Resource Room
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 6:55 P.M.	Singing
6:55 - 8:45 P.M.	Galatians
9:00	Fellowship

Thursday, July 19

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Devotion
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:15 A.M.	Plenary on Central America with AV
9:30 - 10:30 A.M.	Officer Up-date, Reports/Skits
10:45 - 11:45 A.M.	Galatians
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 P.M.	Rest
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.	Class
3:00 - 3:15 P.M.	Break
3:15 - 4:30 P.M.	Class
4:30 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center/Resource Room
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 6:55 P.M.	Singing
6:55 - 8:45 P.M.	Galatians (5 minute break)
9:00	School Committee Meet

Friday, July 20

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Devotion
7:30 - 8:15 A.M.	Breakfast
8:30 - 9:45 A.M.	Class
9:45 - 10:00 A.M.	Break
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.	Galatians
11:00 - 11:15 A.M.	Break
11:15 - 12:00 Noon	Closing

Has your unit remembered to apply for an Estelle Dameron Scholarship to School of Christian Mission? (Form was in the January Newsletter.)
Contact: Dr. Marilyn Ray
10341 Flossmoor Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127
for further information.

SCHOOL II

Friday, July 20, 1990

2:00 - 5:00 P.M.	Registration Learning Center/Resource Room
5:00 - 5:30 P.M.	First Timers, Green Room, Cafeteria
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 7:45 P.M.	Opening Plenary
8:00 - 9:30 P.M.	Galatians

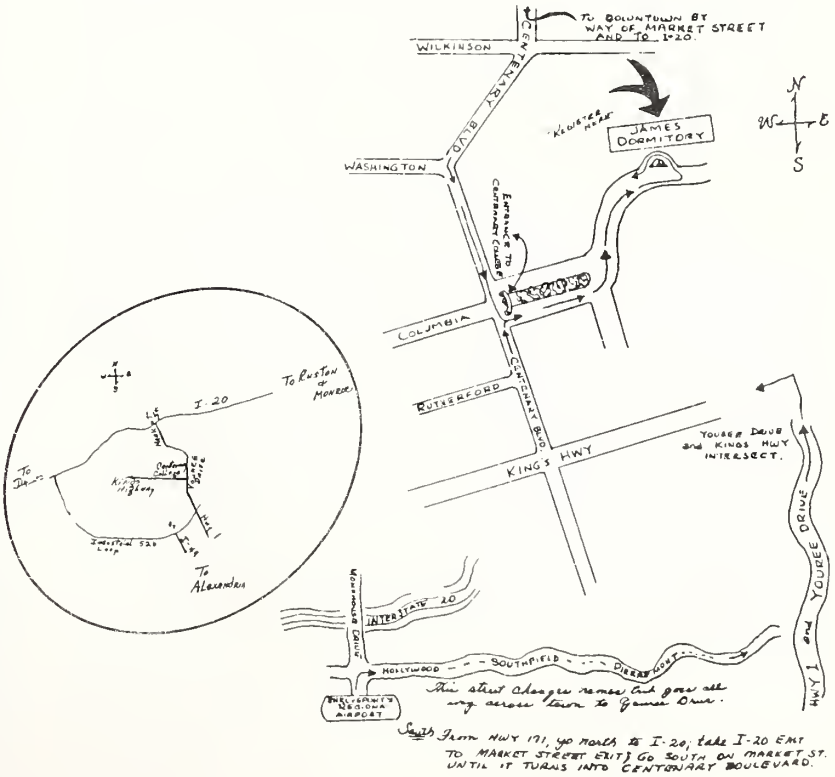
Saturday, July 21

6:45 - 6:55 A.M.	Devotion
7:00 - 7:45 A.M.	Breakfast
8:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Class (10 minute break)
10:30 - 12:00 Noon	Galatians
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:15 - 2:15 P.M.	Plenary - Central America with AV - Media with AV - Officer Up-date
2:30 - 3:25 P.M.	Class
3:25 - 3:35 P.M.	Break
3:35 - 4:30 P.M.	Class
4:30 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center/Resource Room*
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Galatians (10 minute break)
9:00	Fellowship Night

Sunday, July 22

6:45 - 6:55 A.M.	Devotion
7:00 - 7:45 A.M.	Breakfast
8:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Class
10:30 - 12:00 Noon	Galatians
12:00 - 12:30 P.M.	Closing

*Both will close after this time



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CENTENARY
COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA

MEET THE TEACHERS FOR 1990

for "People of a Prophetic Church: Central America"

Margaret Smith Bryan, an artist and author, is a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, and has been active in the field of education. She has a Master of Art and a Master of Spanish and has taught in Shreveport, Springhill, and in Calegio Bolivar Cali Columbia, South America. She has also conducted tours to most parts of the world.

Margaret S. Bryan

Margaret has served as a conference officer and as Dean of the School of Christian Mission. She is a member of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, where she is a member of the Administrative Board and the Finance Committee. She is Vice President of her United Methodist Women's group and holds membership in several art clubs.

She is a widow and has two sons.

Marta L. Sanfiel-Torres is a native of Cuba and a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in Matanzas, Cuba. She did post-graduate studies in Candler University, Havana, and was ordained a Deacon in 1960. She has served as a pastor, teacher, and executive secretary of Christian Education. Marta is presently serving as pastor of the St. Mark's Spanish Ministry in New Orleans. She is an Elder in the Louisiana Conference and serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry. The daughter of a United Methodist minister and the widow of one, Marta has one son.

Rev. Marta Sanfiel

"Lee" Hatch is a member of Kendall United Methodist Church in Miami, Florida, where she serves on the Administrative Board and the Work Area on Missions. She has been an active member of the Miami District Council on Ministries, District Boards of Campus and Urban Ministries, and the Ministry with Refugee Women and Children.

Leora E. Hatch

She has worked with United Methodist Women at all levels, having served full tenure on the district and conference. She was president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Core Planning Group from 1984-1988.

Lee has been serving as a director of the General Borad of Global Ministries since 1984 where she is assigned to both Women's Division and the World Division as well as the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department. She has traveled extensively and has recently returned from a study tour in Nicaragua in preparation for the study of Central America.

for "Galatian

Rev. Rosemary Brown, born in Elizabethtown, Tennessee, received the Master of Arts from Scarritt College and Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School. She is currently pastor of Bordeaux and Jordonia United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Brown gives much leadership in areas dealing with children, youth and families. Her preaching and leadership experiences cover many states and include activities such as retreats, conferences, and workshops for youth, college students and families, revivals in several conferences, and preacher for several Annual Conferences and Ministers Week. She appeared on "Catch The Spirit" as "Moments of Faith" minister and has served as study leader for several Schools of Christian Mission.

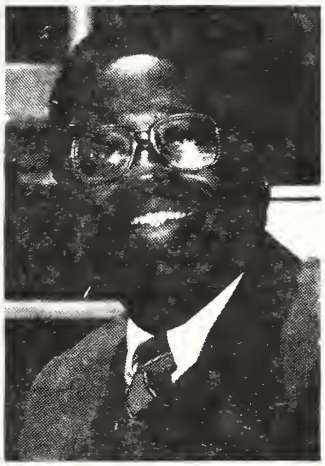
She has written articles for The Interpreter Magazine, Th Church School, Mature Years and The Upper Room.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

for "Gospel, Culture and Media"

Rev. Alonzo J. Campbell, pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, received the Master of Divinity from Gammon Theological Seminary and is a Doctor of Ministry Candidate at Austin Seminary.

He was a former member of the Louisiana Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and chaired the subcommittee on Care and Counseling.


Rev. Alonzo Campbell

Currently, he is a member of the Conference Board of Global Ministries and chairs the Committee on Support Action Ministries.

Other positions and honors include secretary, New Orleans District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Jurisdictional Conference delegate, member of team of 100 ministers across the nation selected for the Lilly Ministry Project "Celebrating the Call" and was the first Louisiana Conference minister to attend the Conference School of Christian Mission as an Estelle Dameron Scholar.

Lester Allen, a native of Indiana resides in St. Louis, Missouri, with her husband, Ben.

She was educated in the St. Louis Public School System and is a graduate of Dale Carnegie Institute where she studied Public Speaking and Human Relations.

Some of her prior work and church related experience include member of Board of Directors of Kingdom House, "A United Way and United Methodist Agency" for child care, youth and senior citizens, Day Apart and Retreat leader, teacher in Lay Speakers School, leader in Lay Visitation Workshops, member of West Gulf Regional Planning Teams 1986-1989 and member of an Interdenominational Prayer Group.

Lester Allen

Lester has held offices in the United Methodist Women on local, district and conference levels.

Rev. Rosemary Brown

Sue C. Johnson is staff for Women's Division Assigned in Region - the Nashville Region.

In leading the study, Sue will use her past experience as a teacher in both high school and college and as a consultant in curriculum creation for educational T.V. Since Sue has been a photographer/reporter on both weekly and daily newspapers, this adds the perspective of a person who was an active participant within a major media area.

Sue's academic background - a Master in Political Science - provides the basis of her approach to this study. She is especially interested in social trends, the causes of and the effects of these trends in society and the functioning of communication theory within our society.

Beyond Sue's formal training she says the reason she selected this study is because of her love of people and her interest in how these people structure their world.

Within the study setting Sue employs a spectrum of study techniques which include lecture, total group participation and small group work. No matter which style is being used, it is important to Sue that participants feel comfortable in the study environment so they will interact.

Sue C. Johnson

STEWARD-SHIP NEWS

WE DIDN'T! WHY DIDN'T WE?

I've never had to tell you we didn't make our pledge before. This is truly a new experience. Why didn't we make our pledge? There was a step in faith -- I'm very proud of that fact. When we set this pledge, we knew $22,000 was not visible yet but we took a giant step. Does this mean all was in vain? I think not. If our goals are always attainable, we will never know the challenge of growing. A pledge is a goal not a debt to be paid. If the desired goal is not met, then it is continued until it is.

In going through journals dating back to 1979, there is a similar pattern. In 1980, the pledge was overpaid by $20,000+. A step in faith was taken increasing the pledge by $33,450 to $204,450. This amount remained our pledge until 1984. It took three years to meet the increase. Do we become complacent when we continually meet the pledge or does a step of faith overwhelm us?

For 1989, Louisiana missions were appropriated more money than we sent for mission. St. Marks received $60,000 for the Street Academy and $16,000 for maintenance of property. McDonnell's received $43,300 for renovations. These monies were in addition to their normal appropriations. Crossline Ministries received a grant from the National Division. And, remember the half a million dollars for a new Community Center building at Dulac. All of this is only possible if undesignated funds are received from UMW units all across the United States in addition to those of us in Louisiana.

Now, what did we send on our pledge for 1989? We pledged $300,000, an increase of $50,000 from the '88 pledge but an actual increase of $22,000 over the $278,000+ paid on the '88 pledge. We actually paid $273,574.87 on a pledge of $300,000 or $26,425 less than pledge and $4,426 less than we sent in 1988. It is surprising to note that in using the Channels of Undesignated Giving we gave less Special Mission Recognition Pins, Gift to Mission Cards, and Gifts in Memory than in 1988. The World Thank Offering increase was less than $500. These are the channels that help us express the love of Christ to each other.

The money to meet this pledge is available. Without looking very far, I found two units, one with 12 members and one with 33 members, that had over $1,300 between them to start 1990. There are units that have savings accounts. I really am not trying to anger anyone, only to make us stop and take stock of our accountability for the gifts God has given to us and his charge for us to use them, not store them.

So what did happen to us? We took this step in faith in a year when our conference went through redistricting. The UMW redefined its districts beginning with 1990. There is a feeling of uneasiness with the National and World Division financial difficulties at this time. Costs are up and funds are not. There are many valid reasons. However, when we all catch the vision of our world that Christ had when he said "Feed my sheep" to Peter, none of these now valid reasons seem important.

I see our goal of reaching the pledge only as an expression of loving each other as God loves us. Monetary resources are the means to see that all God's children have food, shelter, and clothing, medical care and education, a feeling of self-worth, and the knowledge that God loves each and every one of us. When Christ gave Peter this charge, he first asked Peter three times if he loved him. Peter's response was always, "Lord, you know I love you." God has sheep all over the world, let's feed them. We can meet our pledge of $315,000 for 1990 with our monetary gifts and our love for the Christ. Will we?

Judy Rountree
Secretary for Financial Interpretation

MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOLS

—OFFERING—

Our offering for the 1990 Schools of Christian Mission will be sent undesignated, calling to mind all the numerous projects that are ongoing in Central America, as well as those projects which spread the Good News of the Gospel across the globe. By sending it undesignated, we can have a part in ministering to people at home and around the world.

—FELLOWSHIP NIGHT—

Play Sing Laugh Visit

Fellowship Night will be a time for fun and relaxation. An evening to enjoy talking with old friends and making new ones. Refreshments will be prepared by Fannie Reddix and her committee. Seola Callahan will be coordinating our activities for Fellowship Night. DON'T MISS IT!

—LEARNING CENTER—

The Learning Center, in the South Cafeteria, is a part of the School of Christian Mission which everyone should be sure to visit. This area will include displays by each District and some Conference Officers, in addition to various study helps. Each study for the School will have three different displays, showing how you can introduce the studies in your local unit.

Be sure to visit the Learning Center - come, look and learn!

Lottie Palazzo

Plans have been made for spiritual renewal at the Schools of Christian Mission. Emily Wiley of Arcadia, Helen McCollum of New Orleans, Vera Packer of North Shore, Idella Simms of Ruston and Ann Wilson of Shreveport will write Inspirational Readings for the Pillow Thoughts. Nettie Williams from Alexandria, Helen Guant from Baton Rouge, Janie Burch from Lake Charles and Shirley Wall of Monroe will ask units from their districts to supply table graces for the whole week. (We left some on the tables last year for the Ministers' Weekend and they were used and appreciated.) Emily, Nettie, Janie, Idella, Ann and Helen have agreed to set up the worship center in the Meditation Room. Let's all keep the Journey of Love on the move as suggested by Tayor in the last Newsletter.

Celina T. Johnson,
Louisiana Conference Christian Personhood

BASIC TEXTS

Everyone attending the Schools of Christian Mission will attend the study on **Galatians.**
The text for this class will be: **Freedom is for Freeing: A Study Book on Paul's Letter to the Galatians** by Philip Potter and Barbel Von Wartenberg-potter . . . . . .price not listed including a teacher's guide by Marilyn Winters

You May choose which of the other two classes you will attend. Be sure to note this on your registration form.

For the study People of a Prophetic Church: Central America
Seeds of Promise: The Prophetic Church in Central America by Guillermo Melendez. $6.95
Study Guide: **Sow in Tears, Reap in Joy**
by Elice Higgenbotham and David Kalke $5.95

For the study Gospel, Culture and Media: **Mythmakers: Gospel, Culture and Media** by William F. Fore $7.95
Study Guide: **The Mything Link: A Study Guide on Gospel, Culture and Media** by David Pomeroy $5.95

All materials are available through-
Service Center
7820 Reading Road, Caller No. 1800
Cincinnati, Ohio 45222-1800
or they may be purchased in the Resource Room at the Schools of Mission.

CRITERIA FOR EXCELLENCE

1. Use of any two current approved mission study course and text.
2. A capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans.
3. A leader who is prepared and who can give capable group leadership.
4. A minimum of six hours for the study.
5. Preparation between sessions - reading the text and other assignments.
6. Class members participate - panels, discussion, informal drama, audio-visuals.
7. ACTION growing out of study.
8. Attendance at each session by 75% of the members of the study group.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Use of any one current approved mission study course and text.
2. A capable, responsible committee which makes detailed plans.
3. A leader who is prepared and who can give capable group leadership.
4. A minimum of four hours of study.
5. Preparation between sessions - reading the text and other assignments.
6. Class members participate - panels, discussion, informal drama, audio-visuals.
7. ACTION growing out of study.
8. Attendance at each session by 75% of the mbmers of the study group.

APPROVED STUDIES

1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1. The Acts of the Apostles	1. Ruth & Esther Women in Alien Lands	1. Psalms in Worship
2. Peoples & Churches of the U.S.S.R.	2. South Africa's Moment of Truth	2. The Philippines
3. Toward Health and Wholeness	3. Breach of Promise Potraits of Poverty	3. The World of Islam

The Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns or the President in each local unit should receive an application from the District Coordinator to report the studies.

These applications must be in the hands of the District Coordinator by June 1st to receive credit for this year.

Contact your District Coordinator for applications if you have not received yours.

Wilma Crosby
Conference Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns

REGISTRATION

Registration, Insurance and School Costs:
Attending one School. $10.00
Attending both Schools $12.00

Make checks payable to: **Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women** for registration fee only. You will pay for your housing and meals upon arrival at the School.

Send the entire REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM with the check to cover your registration fee to: Mrs. Georgie Dunbar, 207 Payne Street, Pineville, Louisiana 71360.

Registration fees will be returned if cancelled before July 10th. Registration at Centenary College will be in James Dormitory.

REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference Schools of Christian Mission
Centenary College - Shreveport, Louisiana

Check School attending:
School I (weekday) - July 17-20, 1990 ( )
School II (weekend) - July 20-22, 1990 ( )

Name_____

Address_____

_____Zip_____

Church_____District _____

Please send only Registration Cost.
Pay for room and board at Centenary.

Studies:
Everyone participates in *Galatians*
Choose and check one of the following:
People of a Prophetic Church: Central America ( )
Gospel, Culture and Media ( )

Address if not staying on campus_____

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HOUSING

Name_____

Address_____ Zip_____

Roommate preferred_____
(Please submit together if possible)

First Floor necessary_____
IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE

Please check: Night Owl ( ) Early Bird ( )
Smoker ( ) Non Smoker ( )

Arriving: Date_____Time _____

School I _____ School II_____

THE GATHERING

THE GATHERING is a major international event bringing together several thousand United Methodists. It will launch the Council of Bishops' vision for the Church: "Vital Congregations - Faithful Disciples." It will be held October 31 - November 4, 1990, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Bishop William Oden requested that the United Methodist Women select a representative to serve as a member of the Louisiana Conference Team. Seola Callahan was named.

Louisiana Conference U.M.W.
Annual Meeting
First United Methodist Church
Monroe, Louisiana
September 14-15, 1990
Bea Moak - Chairperson
Christine Coleman, Ass't. Chairperson

1990 COMMITTEE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

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Audio-Visuals . . . . .Taylor Phillips
Worship. . . . . Celina Johnson
Resource Room . . . . . Lois Heath
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Fannie Reddix
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Local Arrangements. . . . . Patty Lindsey
Betty Turner
Coffee/Newspaper. . Wilma Crosby
Judy Rountree
UMW President. . Norma Winegeart
UMW Conference Secretary. . . . . Seola Callahan

May 4	May Fellowship Day
3-6	UMW Assembly Kansas City, Missouri
June 4-7	Annual Conference Centenary College
16-20	Regional School of Mission (For ALL Conference Officers) Centenary College
July 17-20	School of Christian Mission I
20-22	School of Christian Mission II Centenary College
August	District Mini-Schools
September 14-15	UMW Conference Annual Meeting First UMC, Monroe
October	District Annual Meetings
26-27	District Elected Leaders' Training Tall Timbers Conference Center
November 2	World Community Day
10	School of Christian Committee Meeting, David Haas Memorial UMC, Bunkie

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Seventeenth Annual Meeting Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

September 14 - 15, 1990

Theme: "Links to Mission"

Women in Mission! YOU are the Link!

First United Methodist Church
Monroe, Louisiana

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, Friday, September 14, 1990. A processional of conference officers, district presidents, and dignitaries will signal the beginning of the meeting. The links carried by the participants in the processional are symbolic of each of you as a link to missions.

Norma Winegeart, Conference President, will preside over the meeting with members and guests being welcomed by Dr. William Blakely, host minister; Marie Young, Monroe District President; Sandy DeCelle, Local UMW President; and Gloria Bennett, Chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Keynote speaker will be Sandy Wilder. Sandy is currently employed as Secretary for Financial Interpretation, Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church. Her responsibilities include overseeing the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial grant program, creating print and audiovisual resources, and providing leadership training among United Methodist Women.

Bea Moak and Christine Coleman are serving as Co-Chairpersons of the Annual Meeting Task Force. Gloria Bennett and Lou Medlock have shared duties as co-chairpersons of the Local Arrangements Committee. They join in extending a most cordial invitation to all Louisiana United Methodist Women to attend the 1990 Annual Meeting at the First United Methodist Church in Monroe. A warm welcome awaits you! Let's make this time the best.

Call to Annual Meeting

Links to Mission is the exciting theme for the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. And, the sub-title goes on to tell it best — *Women in Mission! YOU are the link!*

The Task Group on Annual Meeting has made great plans for us with Bea Moak as chairperson and Christine Coleman as assistant chairperson.

We are looking forward to hearing Sandy Wilder of the Women's Division, Amy Ward, a former president of the Conference United Methodist Women, and Denise Hygh who is currently serving as a US-2 at the Moore Community Center in Biloxi. Details on these and others will be found throughout this *Newsletter.*

Following the Conference Standing Rules this publication will list the nominees for elected leadership. Local units will be represented at the annual meeting of the conference organization on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership of each local unit will be determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory of the conference organization, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

The voting membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons: the members of the Executive Committee, the delegates from the local units, the district officers, the wife of the resident bishop, all conference presidents and conference chairpersons of United Methodist Women, the former Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds of former Conferences A and B and their predecessor organizations.

Each one registered is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until returning home. The insurance fee, cost of packets, and other general expenses are covered by the registration fee. Therefore, **everyone** attending **must** pay the registration fee. Return your registration forms right away!

Each one is responsible for making their own housing arrangements.

The meeting convenes at one o'clock on Friday, September 14th. Registration will be held on Friday morning and the host district will provide a sandwich lunch at the church. On Saturday morning, coffee and sweet rolls will be furnished, with another sandwich lunch at noon. You will find information concerning the Friday dinner elsewhere in this *Newsletter.*

YOU are a LINK TO MISSION! Come to the Annual Meeting for information and inspiration! Everyone is invited!

Norma Winegeart
Conference President

MISSION CANDLE

We will once again burn the Mission Candle at Annual Meeting as a memorial to those who have gone before us; as a tribute to those who are presently serving; and as a symbol of all the young persons in whom we place our hope for the future.

The cost of support for mission work this year is $37.85 a minute. It would be an extraordinary expression of our dedication to receive sufficient gifts to enable the candle to burn throughout our meeting. To help achieve this, you may submit names to be honored, and these names will be inscribed in the book displayed with the candle. Send your contributions and the names of those persons you wish honored to your district treasurer before September 1, 1990. Indicate the appropriate section of the book for the names to appear: past, present or future.

Let us all join together in keeping the candle burning throughout the entire 1990 Annual Meeting!

ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations of nominees for officers, to be elected Friday, September 14.

Vice-President (2 Years)
Mary Carlin (Mrs. Curtis)
Route 2, Box 393
Anacoco, LA 71403

Sec. for Financial Interp. (2 Yrs.)
Mary Quinones (Mrs. Pas)
4904 Bissonet Drive
Metairie, LA 70103

Chairperson, Committee on Nominations (1 Year)
Annie Lincoln (Mrs.)
4108 Mithra Street
New Orleans, LA 70126

Mission Coordinator for: Christian Global Concerns (1 Year)
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Geneva Bell (Mrs.)
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Lake Charles, LA 70601

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Louisiana Conference UMW

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MOTEL:
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Monroe, LA 71202

TELEPHONE NUMBER:
(318) 387-5100

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September 1, 1990

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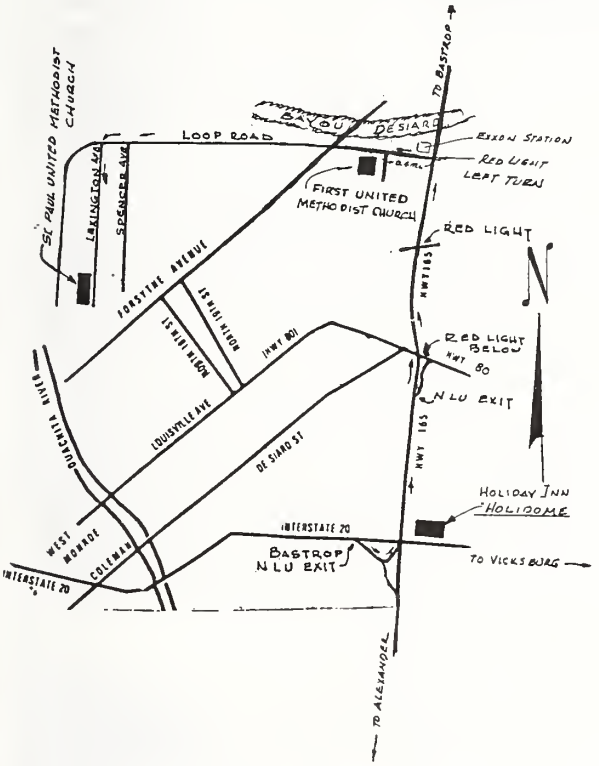

Bea Moak
Chairperson
Annual Meeting Task Group

Christine Coleman
Co-Chairperson
Annual Meeting Task Group

PROGRAM

"Links To Missions"

Friday Afternoon
1:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

Organ Prelude ..... Hunt Neely
Processional
Convening of
Seventeenth Annual Meeting ..... Norma Winegeart
Welcome ..... Dr. William Blakely
Marie Young
Sandy DeCelle
Gloria Bennett
Recognition of Visitors ..... Norma Wingeart
Greetings from the
South Central Jurisdiction ..... Lucy Burciaga
Opening Worship ..... Rev. Marta Sanfiel
Lighting of the Mission Candle ..... Shirley Hoffpauir
Mollie Smith
Presentation of the Program ..... Bea Moak and Christine Coleman
Report of the President ..... Norma Winegeart
Solo ..... Arvella Duncan
Business Session .....

BREAK

U.M.W. Sings ..... Arvella Duncan
Assembly Reports
Honoring of Retiring Officers ..... Helen Brock
Introduction of Speaker ..... Betty Ferrington
Address ..... Amy Ward
Solo ..... Patricia Hertzog

CLOSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday Evening
6:30 P.M. Holiday Inn Holidome

Invocation ..... Marie Young
Dinner
Introductions ..... Norma Winegeart
Acknowledgements ..... Bea Moak
Special Entertainment ..... Rev. Bob Peyton
Dr. Douglas McGuire
Theme Scripture and Prayer ..... Christine Coleman
Introduction of Speaker ..... Betty Ferrington
Address ..... Sandy Wilder
Benediction ..... Dr. Byrl Moreland

Saturday — 8:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

Prelude ..... Hunt Neely
U.M.W. Sings ..... Arvella Duncan
Morning Worship ..... Rev. Marta Sanfiel
Pledge Service ..... Judy Roundtree
Report of Registration ..... Marie Wilkerson
Special Mission Recognition ..... Norma Winegeart
Introduction of Speaker ..... Betty Ferrington
Address ..... Denise Hygh
Offertory ..... First Church Bell Choir
Doxology
Installation of Conference Officers ..... Lueburda Myers
Invitation to 1991 Annual Meeting
Announcements and Adjournment of Meeting

BREAK

Service of Holy Communion ..... Dr. Byrl Moreland, Dr. William Blakely

PROGRAM

Sandy Wilder

Sandy Wilder is currently employed as Secretary for Financial Interpretation, Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church. Her responsibilities include overseeing the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial grant program, creating print and audiovisual resources, and providing leadership training among United Methodist Women.

Sandy's background includes two years of work with the Iglesia Evangelica Metodista in Bolivia in the Office of Promotion and Public Relations. Within United Methodist Women, she has served as a chairperson of the district Committee on Membership and as Dean of the Conference School of Christian Mission. She has taught in the Southwest Texas conference and West Virginia Conference Schools of Christian Mission, and has led numerous workshops and small group sessions for United Methodist Women.

Sandy has also been a member of the Conference Board of Global Ministries, and has led sessions during mission saturation and mission training events.

She received a B.A. in Spanish and French from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, and an M.A. in Teaching English as a Foreign Language from the University of Texas at Austin. She has done additional study in Bogota, Colombia.

Amy Ward

Amy Ward served as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 1980, 84 and 88 and is presently serving as a director on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. She served eight years as a director on the General Board of Global Ministries, (serving as Chairperson of the World Division Appropriations Committee, Vice President of Health and Welfare Ministries Division and was the director assigned to the "Health For All" study/tour of Chile, Argentina and Uruguay.)

Other experiences include: Past President of the Conference United Methodist Women, Chairperson of the Conference Council on Ministries, Past President of the District UMW, Chairperson of the District Board of Global Ministries, member of the Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee in 1980 and 1984, participant in the World Methodist Council Laity Exchange Program.

Presently Amy serves as Co-Lay Leader with her husband Truman at St. Luke's in New Orleans and also chairs the Mission Committee. She chairs the District Board of Church Location and Building, is a member of the Conference Board of Church Extension and Revitalization, the Conference Board of Higher Education, Lafon Nursing Home, Spanish Speaking Ministry and Wesley Campus Ministry.

Dr. Byrl Moreland

Dr. Byrl Moreland, Monroe District Superintendent, will serve as celebrant for the Service of Holy Communion at the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women when they meet in Monroe.

Dr. Moreland served five appointments in Louisiana from 1954-1974. He was appointed District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District in 1974. From 1979-1982 he was Director of CCOM and was appointed to Aurora, New Orleans from 1982-1985. Dr. Moreland came to Monroe as District Superintendent in 1985.

Dr. Moreland and his wife, Martha, have two sons, Robert Byrl and Richard Jones.

Dr. William Blakely, senior minister at First United Methodist Church, will serve as Liturgist for the service of Holy Communion at the 1990 Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women.

Dr. Blakely began his ministry to Holly Springs-Carol Creek in 1956 and has served churches in Golden Meadow, Grand Isle, Lake Charles, Amite, DeRidder, Baton Rouge and Metairie. He was District Superintendent of New Orleans-Houma District prior to being assigned to Monroe in June 1986.

Dr. Samuel D. Reeves, associate minister, is a former Baptist minister who served over seven years as a missionary in Argentina. He came into Louisiana Conference United Methodist Church in 1985 and served the Houma Heights-Clanton Chapel charge in Houma and Dulac, and Trinity-John Wesley in New Orleans, prior to coming to Monroe in June, 1989.

PERSONNEL

SATURDAY MORNING SPEAKER

Ms. Denise Hygh of New Orleans is a US-2 missionary of the United Methodist Church and is serving as a volunteer with the church's Board of Global Ministries. The US-2 offers young adults to serve as missionaries within the United States for two years. The US-2's work in mission programs related to the General Board of Global Ministries including schools, community centers, children's residences, local churches, poverty programs and rural and urban ministries. Denise received her training at Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts. She was commissioned shortly after.

Denise is stationed in Biloxi, Mississippi at Moore Community House. She is the Parent Program Director. Her main responsibilities are conducting the single mother's program, planning and organizing events for the children and parents, daily program schedules, providing training and workshops for parents, and counseling.

Prior to serving as a US-2, Denise graduated from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana with a B.A. degree in Broadcasting. She has been employed with the New Orleans Public School System as a teacher. In addition, she worked for Equitable Life Insurance Company as a receptionist secretary.

Denise finds working in the mission area to be very challenging and rewarding. "No other job would have offered me the experiences of spiritual, mental, emotional, learning and guidance that mission work has." After her two years are completed at Moore Community House, Denise plans to pursue postgraduate studies in Social Work/Administration. She also plans to stay affiliated within the Methodist Church. "There are so many opportunities of employment here."

In her spare time, Denise enjoys reading, writing, and taking care of her four year old son, Anthony.

Helen Brock

Mrs. Walter Brock (Helen) will honor our retiring conference officers. Helen has served with love and dedication in many areas of the United Methodist Church and UMW. She has been Local and District President and served eight years on the conference level. She was Chairman of the Annual Meeting UMW in 1983.

Currently, Helen is a member of the Board of McDonnell United Methodist Children's Services, Inc. She is, also, a member of Conference Board of Pensions.

Helen is an inspiration to all who have known and worked with her. She is married to Walter Brock and they have two children and three grandchildren.

Lueburda Myers

Mrs. Lueburda Myers will install the newly elected officers at Annual Meeting.

Lueburda is a native of Napoleonville, Louisiana, and serves as Secretary to the Core Planning Team of South Central Jurisdiction of United Methodist Women for the 1988-92 Quadrennium.

Lueburda is a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Shreveport where she serves as Lay Leader, Lay Speaker, and Sunday School teacher. She is past President of her local UMW unit and has held office on the District and Conference levels. She has also represented her conference on the Regional School Planning team. She has taught in the District and local Church Mission Schools.

Volunteerism is an important part of Lueburda's life. She has served as Vice Chairman of the Carver Branch YMCA, NAACP Executive Committee, Advisory Council for Minority Adoption, Mothers' March of Dimes, Sickle Cell Anemia Board of Directors, and is currently President of Shreveport Chapter of National Panhellenic Council.

Lueburda is currently employed as Deputy Director of Recreation for the City of Shreveport Department of Parks and Recreation.

Lueburda and her husband Kenneth have two grown sons and one nine month old grandson.

Arvella M. Duncan

Leading the singing during the meeting will be Arvella M. Duncan. She has been the organist for St. James United Methodist Church for eleven years. Arvella received her B.A. degree in Music Education from Grambling State University; Master of Music Education from Northeast La. University and also 30 plus hours from Northeast. She is now retired from the Ouachita Parish school system after 20½ years of teaching.

Special music is planned for your enrichment and enjoyment at our Annual Meeting.

First United Methodist Church organist, Hunt Neely, will be the organist for the Annual Meeting.

GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

Funds from United Methodist Women's offerings are available to local units. Please contact your conference president concerning applications.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering for Hope for the Homeless has a deadline of September 28, 1990.

The 1990 Assembly fund Witnesses for Children and Youth in a New World has a deadline of February 1, 1991.

United Methodist Women Assembly Offering - 1990

Theme:

Witnessing for Children and Youth in a New World.

Purpose:

To alleviate the needs of childen and youth by providing minimal grants through local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women for work in process or in early planning stages that alleviate the needs of children and youth.

Types of Projects Which Could Be Funded:

1. **After school and/or week end programs:**
   - latch-key
   - tutoring
   - recreation
   - employment skills
   - appreciation of multiple cultural values
   - adolescent parenting skills
   - youth in community service
2. **Special health care needs of children and youth:**
   - mental, emotional and spiritual health
   - nutrition and emergency food service
   - AIDS
   - handicapping conditions
   - physical and sexual abuse.
3. **Ministries and counseling that promote alternatives to:**
   - suicide
   - violence
   - crime
   - prostitution
   - chemical substance use and abuse
   - adolescent pregnancy.
4. **Ministries to runaways and homeless.**
5. **Advocacy for public policies/legislation to benefit children and youth.**
6. **Ministry to the incarcerated:**
   - children and youth in prison
   - children of incarcerated parents.
7. **Child care.**

If your unit is interested in this project, use the form on this page and return to Norma Winegeart.

APPLICATION TO
Conference President by February 1, 1991
Mrs. Norma Winegeart
P.O. Box 156 — Plain Dealing, LA 71064

APPLICATION FOR 1990 ASSEMBLY OFFERING THROUGH JURISDICTION CORE PLANNING GROUP
Witnessing for Children and Youth in a New World

Program Title:

Address:

Telephone:

Contact Person:

Church or Agency:

Amount Requested:

Total Operating Budget: (List on a Separate Sheet)

Sources of Income: (List on a Separate Sheet)

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1. What is your relationship to United Methodist Women or the United Methodist Church?

2. Describe the project's objectives and goals.

3. What specific areas does the project address?
   Check one or more:
   a. After school and/or weekend programs.
   b. Special health care of children and youth.
   c. Ministries and counseling that promote alternatives to: suicide, prostitution, substance abuse, adolescent pregnancy.
   d. Ministries to runaways and homeless.
   e. Advocacy for public policies/legislation to benefit children and youth.
   f. Ministry to the incarcerated.
   g. Child care.

4. Please provide a brief description of the program.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

OCTOBER 6
Acadiana District
First U.M.C.
Houma

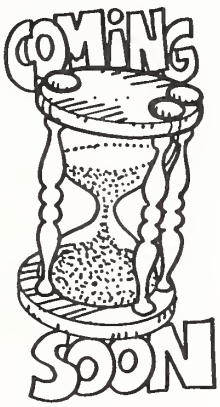
Alexandria District
First U.M.C.
Natchitoches

Baton Rouge District
North Baton Rouge U.M.C.
Baton Rouge

New Orleans District
Golden Meadow U.M.C.
Golden Meadow

North Shore District
Hartzell-Mt. Zion U.M.C.
Slidell

Ruston District
First U.M.C.
Homer



OCTOBER 7
Lake Charles District
First U.M.C.
Jennings

OCTOBER 13
Monroe District
First U.M.C.
Tallulah

OCTOBER 14
Shreveport District
Mangum U.M.C.
Shreveport

District Elected Leaders Training
October 26-27
Tall Timbers Conference Center
Elouise Sanders, Chairperson
Sally Nash, Assistant Chairperson

United Methodist Women's Sunday
January 27, 1991
To be observed in churches
ALL over Louisiana.

Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting
February, 1991

Seventh Bi-Annual Retreat
March 1, 2, 3, 1991
Tall Timbers Conference Center
Janelle McCammon, Chairperson
Betty Ferrington, Assistant Chairperson

REGISTRATION FORM
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 14-15, 1990
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3900 Loop Road, Monroe, Louisiana
(318) 325-7335

Send registration form to:
Marie Wilkerson
1001 McKeen Place, Apt. 105
Monroe, LA 71201

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW

Registration:	$ 5.00
Banquet Ticket:	$10.50
TOTAL:	$15.50

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ PHONE: _____

Check all that apply:

☐ Conference Office - Specify _____

☐ Conference Executive Committee _____

☐ District Officer - Specify _____

☐ Local Unit Representative _____

☐ Former Conference President or Guild Secretary

☐ Guest

☐ Voting Delegate

Church _____

City _____

Number in Local Unit _____ District _____

Where will you be staying during the meeting?

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NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of the expense of the meeting.

Deadline for purchasing banquet ticket:
September 1, 1990

MARILYN ODEN HONORED

Each year during Annual Conference the United Methodist Women honor someone with a Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate. The 1990 honoree was Marilyn Oden, wife of the resident bishop. A note of thanks has been received.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for honoring me with the special mission recognition. I treasure the pin. It brings me your warmth and friendship. I will wear it with a mixture of pride and humility.

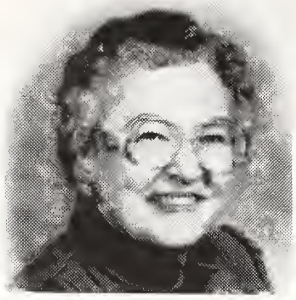
Thank you, also, for the support and care that you have given Bill and me, and especially for all the United Methodist Women do for the Louisiana Conference and the mission beyond it.

Fondly,
Marilyn Oden

MISSIONARIES COMMISSIONED

Sebastine O. and Karen Johnson Ujereh were commissioned by the General Board of Global Ministries in April. Karen is from the Bethany Church in New Orleans. She is to be the episcopal-area treasurer for the United Methodist Church in Zaire. Sebastine is to teach economics. They and their three children attended the recent Annual Conference in Shreveport.

Other missionaries attending the Annual Conference were: Carlos and Sarojini Welch and Doretha Brown.



Janelle McCammon
Former Conf. President

Dear Friends,

How wonderful it is to be a part of the loving, supportive, fellowship of United Methodist Women! There are no words adequately to express the depth of my gratitude for your kind thoughtfulness of me during these months of recuperation.

As individuals and groups you have upheld me in your prayers, have encouraged me with your cards, letters, flowers,and gifts, and have expressed your concern in so many, many ways. I am inexpressibly grateful!

I thank God every day for all of you and for the fine work that you are doing under Norma's splendid leadership. She has been wonderful to keep me informed! Always I thank God, too, for the privilege of having each of you as my friend and for the years we shared in our work together. I look forward to the time that I can return to Louisiana and to United Methodist Women! Until then, to each of you — Love, Peace and Joy.

Janelle McCammon

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"Dance of Discipleship"

"I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in
the desert." Isaiah 43:19

The 1991 Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat will be held at Tall Timbers Conference Center near Woodworth, Louisiana, on March 1, 2, and 3. This is the seventh bi-annual retreat. Since 1979, the Retreat has been an outstanding, eagerly awaited event for United Methodist Women.

We are delighted to have as our retreat leader, Marilyn Brown Oden, (Mrs. William B.). She is well known as an inspirational speaker, having led numerous retreats for United Methodist Women and clergy spouses. She has taught in Conference Schools of Christian Mission, in seminary classes and schools for probationary ministers and local pastors. In addition, Marilyn has led Parent Effectiveness Training groups. She has endeared herself to Louisiana Methodism as she has spoken and traveled throughout the state in the new Shepherding Program and in local and district activities. She and her husband, Bishop William B. Oden are, with great effectiveness and dedication, leading Methodists of Louisiana into a new era of vision and discipleship.

The theme for Retreat is "Dance of Discipleship," and will include such interesting presentations as "Dancing in the Desert," "Dancing Our Identity," "Dancing with Others," "Dancing Toward God," and "Dancing Our Discipleship."

Special features will incorporate small group discussion, time for solitude, personal reflection, fellowship, and worship. Retreat will conclude with Holy Communion with the Reverend Kathy Dauphin as Celebrant. Music directors will be Tracy Carpenter of Baton Rouge and Virginia Burris of Franklinton. They are planning great music for worship and fellowship times.

Chairperson of the 1991 Retreat is Janelle McCammon with Betty Ferrington as Assistant Chairperson.

United Methodist Women Conference Retreat

March 1, 2, 3, 1991
Tall Timbers Conference Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

Marilyn B. Oden
Retreat Leader

Kathy Dauphin
Communion Celebrant

Come to Retreat!

Get your registration in **immediately** and begin to look forward to a joyous experience in which your spirit will be nourished, nurtured, and renewed.

GENRAL INFORMATION

Tall Timbers Conference Center is made available to us by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, which owns and operates this fine facility. United Methodist Women have met there for several events in the past few years. It is strategically located near the center of the state on Highway 165. The Center is approximately fifteen miles south of Alexandria on the Alexandria-Lake Charles highway. (It will be on your right as you drive from Alexandria).

Linens are provided in the motel-type rooms. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are suggested. A flashlight would be helpful in going from the chapel to the rooms for the evening.

All retreatants are expected to stay on the grounds for the entire retreat. All meals will be served in the cafeteria and only retreat activities will be scheduled for these days.

Please bring your **Bible,** the **New United Methodist Hymnal,** a notebook or paper, and a pencil or pen.

Registration will take place in Lee Lodge from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1. Retreat materials and room assignments will be available at that time.

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Several of our Louisiana Conference Officers are sharing responsibility for parts of the Retreat program. Betty Carlin, Vice-President and Mary Spell, Treasurer are members of the Task Group. Seola Callahan, Secretary, is our Registrar. Lois Heath, Secretary of Program Resources will have charge of the Reading Resource Room. She will be assisted by Mattie Lee Smith. Celina Johnson, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood will provide table graces. Nancy Carruth, Editor, will publicize the event.

To all of the leaders and to you who participate in the Retreat, we express our appreciation!

MEET THE LEADERS

Our Retreat Leader, Marilyn Brown Oden was born in Hollywood, California and graduated from Woodward (Oklahoma) High School. She has degrees from Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma, and Central State University. She is the author of several books as well as articles for magazines and professional journals. Marilyn's employment has been varied, having taught, served as school counselor, coordinator of volunteer services, and on the staff of a U.S. congressman. Currently, she serves on the Board of Trustees of Saint Paul School of Theology. Marilyn is married to Bishop William B. Oden and resides in Baton Rouge. They have four grown children and one grandchild.

Our Communion Celebrant will be the Reverend Kathryn Dauphin. Since becoming a member of the Louisiana Annual Conference, Kathy has generously shared her gifts and graces with United Methodist Women in local, district, and conference events. She and her husband, the Reverend Ronald Dauphin are Associate Ministers at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria. They are the parents of two young children. Kathy received her B.A. degree from Centenary College, where she served for a time as Admissions counselor for Church Careers. She is a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Music Leader will be Tracy Carpenter of Baton Rouge. She is a graduate of Walker High School, Southeastern University, and is currently enrolled in the Master's Program at L.S.U. Tracy teaches at Walker High School where she is also the sponsor for the school newspaper. She is a member of Walker United Methodist Church where she serves as Director of the Chancel Choir and holds an office in U.M.W.

The instrumentalist will be Virginia Burris of Franklinton. Ginny is married to Bill Burris and they have four children. She received her B.A. degree in music education from Southeastern University and has served as an elementary music teacher in Washington Parish for eight years. She has been a church musician since she was a junior in high school and now serves as pianist for Centenary United Methodist Church in Franklinton.

Janelle McCammon is Chairperson for the Retreat. She is our immediate past president of the conference United Methodist Women. Serving with her as Assistant Chairperson is Betty Ferrington, immediate past vice-president of the conference U.M.W.

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LOCAL UNIT REPORTS

Each LOCAL UNIT had an evaluation report form to fill out and send to the DISTRICT PRESIDENT by DECEMBER 15th.

District Presidents are to compile these and send a District Report to the Conference President by February 15th. Then, the Conference President sends a report to Women's Division by March 20th.

It all depends on the LOCAL UNIT. YOU must send in your reports in order for the District and Conference presidents to have reports. If you have not sent a report for 1990 please do it NOW — even though late.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To ALL continuing and newly elected leaders of United Methodist Women:
THIS IS YOUR CALL TO ACTIVE DUTY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1991

Your Louisiana Conference has been challenged to intensify the MISSION ROLE of all active reserves. Our PURPOSE remains unchanged. Only an INCREASE IN COMMITMENT is necessary to meet the needs of women and children in the world today.

The IMMEDIATE STRATEGY calls for YOUR daily prayer support, weekly literature digestion, monthly interaction with mission counterparts and mission teams, and shared mission interpretation with our entire church membership. Plans to implement these strategies should already be in place.

We have taken stock of our "heavenly" and "corporate" resources, and are confident that the gifts we possess are high-spirited. With the proper Guidance, the challenge before us is both realistic and attainable.

YOU ARE HEREBY CALLED TO ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE AND REPORT AT ONCE to your local and/or district and/or conference Mission Teams, ARMED with faith and The Word, READY to plan and to participate to the FULL EXTENT of your LOVE FOR CHRIST!

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BEGIN 1991 with a CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL. This annual observance of UMW challenges us to engage in prayer and to reflect upon stewardship. (The suggested date for celebration is between January and March). Member participation will be more meaningful if the celebration's purpose and theme are published or announced prior to the group observance. This will enable intercessory prayer for projects and self-denial for sacrificial giving toward the offering to be received.

Each year this designated offering is divided, with half allocated for U.S.-based projects and half for projects in countries other than the U.S. The 1991 offering will enable grants for projects outside the U.S. related to "Skills for Survival" of women. By Women's Division policy, once every four years (including 1991) the U.S. half of the total is designated for "Deaconess and Home Missionary Pensions."

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CONFERENCE 1991 RIBBONS - "YOU ARE THE LINK" - are still available through your District Treasurers. A great idea was shared with me and I want to pass it on to you: Why not include a Mission Ribbon in each Gift to Mission card you send? If the person already has a ribbon to wear, this one can be used as a Mission Bookmark. We all need to be reminded that we are "mission links", and the $1 extra will be Undesignated Giving over and above your pledge. Let me know what you think of this idea! Do you have an idea to share?

Shalom!

Mary Quinones,
Conference Secretary for Financial Interpretation

To the Vice-Presidents, from Betty Carlin, Conference Vice-President:

This is a new year so let us start now thinking of ways to make our Programs come alive to the local members. We have the largest collection of material of any organization to work from. So search it out and use it.

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I have just completed our year-end report to Women's Division. For the year 1990, we paid $270,156.10 for Pledge to Mission. While this is not very close to our goal of $315,000.00, I want to thank you for what you have done and for reporting on time.

May 1991 bring peace and joy to each of us as we work together to be Christ's hands, feet, and body on earth.

Mary F. Spell, Treasurer

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As we enter this new year, I pray that you will have a peaceful and happy one. Let us always commit and dedicate ourselves to the work of United Methodist Women. We have so much to be thankful for, but as we count our blessings let us forever remember those who are not as fortunate, at home and abroad.

Thank you for receiving all communications from Global Ministries. I pray that you are responding to each request. The crisis in the Gulf and injustice in the world can only improve with our prayers and togetherness.

I attended N.O.T.E. in New York and am in the process of compiling all the literature I received in New York, along with other material I will receive after the holidays.

Also, you will be receiving your issue of **Priority forms** soon. As you work on your goals, please give special attention to your community concerns in relation to your priorities.

God's blessing on you and your family.

Geneva Bell
Christian Social Involvement

NEW CONFERE

At the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, held in Monroe First United Methodist Church, election of officers was held. Mrs. Mary Spell of Abbeville was re-elected to another two year term as Treasurer. Mrs. Celina Johnson of New Orleans was re-elected to a second two year term as Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood.

Newly elected officers were: Mrs. Betty Carlin of Anacoco to serve as Vice-President; Mrs. Mary Quinones of Metairie, Secretary for Financial Interpretation; Mrs. Mary Pollard of Bastrop, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns; Mrs. Geneva Bell of Lake Charles, Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement; Mrs. Hilda Sills of New Orleans, Mission Coordinator for Supportive Community. Mrs. Annie Lincoln of New Orleans was elected to serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee for one year. Elected as new members to the Nominating Committee were Mrs. Mary Lou France of Lake Charles, Mrs. Jane Humble of Calhoun, and Mrs. Debra Dupye of Shreveport.

BETTY CARLIN

Betty Carlin is the new Conference Vice-President. She was born and reared in Lake Charles. Following school, Betty devoted her years to raising five children, 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She spent these years as a volunteer with her church, Camp Fire Girls, Mental Health Outreach, LSUE Friends of Library Club and other civic organizations.

MARY POLLARD

Mary Pollard will serve as the Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns. She is a charter member of the Memorial United Methodist Church in Bastrop and a past President of the Monroe District UMW. Mary is Chairperson of her Administrative Board, Financial Secretary and teaches in Church School. She also assists in crisis ministry.

GENEVA BELL

Geneva Bell, Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement received her B.A. from Southern University and has done further study at McNeese and Northeastern. She is married to Clarence Handy Bell and they have two daughters. She is now retired from first grade teaching but remains very active in her local church. Geneva also served on her city planning commission.

HILDA DOAKES SILLS

Hilda Doakes Sills has been elected Coordinator of Supportive Community. She is the widow of Nathaniel Sills and the mother of one daughter. Hilda is an active member of Mt. Zion UMC in New Orleans, where she has held many offices. She is a graduate of Alabama State University and has done graduate work at Xavier, Tulane and Nichols State. Last February, Hilda took the Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and was privileged to lead a worship service in Bethlehem in the Grotto where it is thought Christ was born.

NCE OFFICERS

MARY QUINONES
Mary Quinones is the newly elected Secretary for Financial Interpretation. She and her husband, Pas, are members of St. Matthew's UMC in Metairie. Mary attended L.S.U. at Baton Rouge; worked as an airline stewardess, a secretary and is currently an independent beauty consultant. She has held several offices in her local church and also in the district United Methodist Women.

ANNIE B. LINCOLN
Annie B. Lincoln has been elected to serve as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Until her retirement, she was the Administrative Assistant of the Housing Authority in New Orleans. Annie is a member of Bethany UMC, where she has held many offices. She has also served as a member of the Board of Directors of People's Community Center; St. Mark's Center; Wesley Campus Ministry; and Lafon Nursing Home. Annie was a former director of the Bethany Day Care Center.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

MARY LOU FRANCE
Mary Lou France is a native of Missouri where she received her education at Central Methodist College. She taught school, then married Roy France. They lived in Oklahoma and Texas before moving to Louisiana in 1944. Mary Lou has three children, 8 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. She has held several offices in her local church (First United Methodist, Lake Charles) and served as President of the District UMW. Mary Lou is now active in the "Caring Ministry" and Hospital Auxiliary work.

JANE HUMBLE
Jane Humble, a native of Calhoun, attended La. Tech and is married to Bill Humble with whom she shares her great interest in church work. They have two sons and 2 granddaughters. Jane worked for 35 years at the LSU, Calhoun Research Station. She has held many offices in her local church and UMW, and also as a district officer. Jane writes a weekly column for the local paper. She serves on her local and the state American Cancer Society Board. One of her special jobs is being a Reach to Recovery volunteer. She also helps with weekly church services at the nursing home.

DEBRA DUPYE
Unfortunately, we did not receive a picture or resume from the third member, Debra Dupye of Shreveport. She serves as President of her local UMW at Jewella UMC.

ESTELLE DAMERON
School of Christian Mission Scholarships

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1991 School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, LA, July 18-21, 1991.

This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on Membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting women interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend the School of Christian Mission and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

PLEASE send only one applicant per unit.

Applications must be mailed to:

Dr. Marilyn Ray
10341 Flossmoor Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

SEND APPLICATIONS NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 1991

ESTELLE DAMERON
School of Christian Mission Scholarship

APPLICATION

District _____ Unit (name of church) _____

Location _____ New _____ No. in Unit _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Applicant has ☐ has not ☐ attended a School of Christian Mission before.

Applicant's age grouping: ☐ high school

☐ under 35 ☐ 36-50 ☐ 51 and above

Employed: ☐ full time ☐ part time

☐ Retired ☐ Student ☐ Homemaker

Age of children: ☐ pre-school ☐ school ☐ not at home

Applicant's choice of study:

☐ "Living Values/Changing Times"

☐ "Japan"

Name of unit president or contact person:

_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

To be written by applicant on a separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because —

ONLY ONE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

In response to evaluation sheets, there will be only one session of the School of Christian Mission. It will be held July 18-21, 1991 at Centenary College, Shreveport. The Dean is Gladys Prillerman and the assistant Dean is Ola McNaughton.

The theme will be "Faithful Witnesses of God's Mission". There will be two sections of the Bible Study "The Gospel of John" which will be led by Rev. Fay Barrhartung and Mary Lou Blakeman. Everyone will have the Bible study, as usual.

Each one will select one of the other two studies:

"Living Values/Changing Times"
Dr. George W. C. Calvin, Sr.
Dr. Joe Elmore
Billye L. Elmore
Audrey Milo

"Japan"
Jung-Soon Bergmann
Dr. Douglas W. Morrill
Helen W. Morrill
Betty Ferrington

Mark these dates on your calendar now and make plans to attend the School of Christian Mission!

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PRAY FOR PEACE

Many have been called for active duty in the armed forces of our country. Please pray daily for a peaceful solution to our world problems.

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 27, 1991

We hope that your plans are underway to observe United Methodist Women's Sunday on January 27, 1991. The suggested theme is UMW: You Are The Link. This observance was begun in 1983 with the approval of Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin. If you have planned the program for another date, that is fine, but as soon as possible after the program, send information (church bulletins, photos, articles, etc.) to your district Chairperson on Membership.

Retreat Registration and Housing Information

To register for the 1991 Retreat, fill in the form, clip and mail with your check for $65.00 to:

Seola Callahan (Mrs. Lawrence)
H C-85 Box 130
Oakdale, Louisiana 71463
Telephone: 318/335-3521

The $65.00 fee will include lodging for two nights, six meals in the cafeteria (Friday night through Sunday noon), retreat material, insurance, and a share in the overall expenses.

All Retreatants are expected to stay on the grounds. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. If necessary, a waiting list will be kept and those notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be **NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 15.**

Please indicate if special accommodations are needed by you.

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SPECIAL NOTES

No food or drink is permitted in the chapel, lodge or dormitory. Vending machines and a snack bar are available.

Those requiring special diets may notify Tall Timbers Food Service Department forty-eight hours prior to the date of the meeting. The address is P.O. Box 258, Woodworth, LA 71485. The telephone number for Tall Timbers is 318/445-6797.

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S. O. S. SINGERS NEEDED

Choir members and those who "just like to sing," are invited to meet Tracy Carpenter and Virginia Burris in the Chapel at Tall Timbers at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 1. You may become our Choir for Retreat. Together, we will "Praise the Lord!" "Sing a new song to the Lord and praise him in the assembly of his faithful people."

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

1991 Retreat

March 1, 2, and 3

Tall Timbers Conference Center

Woodworth, Louisiana

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone No. ( ) _____

Church _____

City _____

District_____

☐ Retreat Fee—Enclose check for $65.00 made payable to:
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Names of roommates requested (Check with them first)

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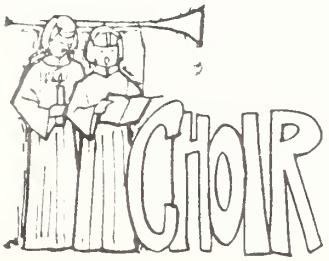
Check here if joining the music group ☐



EVENTS TO COME

United Methodist Women's Sunday
January 27, 1991
ALL Churches Throughout
the Conference

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THE GATHERING
March 9, 1991
Centroplex in Baton Rouge
10,000 Methodists from throughout the state expected. You will want to be a part of this exciting event!

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SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
July 18-21, 1991
Centenary College
Shreveport, LA
Dean-Gladys Prillerman
Assistant Dean-Ola McNaughton

Conference Executive Committee Mid-Year Meeting
Tall Timbers
Baptist Conference Center
February 8, 1991 — 5:00 p.m.
through
February 9, 1991 — noon

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED STATE ASSEMBLY
March 14 - 16, 1991
First Presbyterian Church
Lake Charles, LA

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World Methodist Conference
July 24 - 31, 1991
Singapore

CONFERENCE RETREAT
March 1, 2, 3, 1991
Tall Timbers Conference Center
Woodworth, LA

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS
April 13, 1991
Finance, Membership
Nominations, Standing Rules
David Haas Memorial U.M.C.
Bunkie, LA

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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN ANNUAL MEETING
September 20 - 21, 1991
Henning Memorial U.M.C.
Sulphur, LA
Chairperson: Peggy Pugh
Asst. Chairperson: Donna Bergstedt

JURISDICTION EVENT

Betty Carlin, Carrie Lee Diaz and Doris Brown represented the Louisiana Conference at the Jurisdiction event held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, November 9 - 11, 1990.

Spin-off events will be held in cluster groups. Louisiana will be in Cluster II with the Little Rock, North Arkansas and Texas Conferences. Doris Brown has been selected to chair this group!

Arrangements are being made for this meeting to take place at Centenary College, July 27 - 28, 1991. The theme will be "Each Local Woman Making a Difference."

ONLY 35 women from Louisiana may attend . . . and they are to be members of local units who have never held office beyond the local unit.

Further details will be coming soon!

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
Mrs. Nancy M. Carruth
P. O. Box 267
Bunkie, LA 71322

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Plain Dealing, LA 71064

Louisiana Conference

United Methodist Women

Volume XIV, No. 2 April 1991

1991 School of Christian Mission

July 18 - 21

"Faithful Witnesses for God's Mission"

The time for our School of Christian Mission is drawing nearer and nearer. Women and men the Conference over are encouraged to participate in this key event that provides for mission education, spiritual growth, leadership development and opportunities to build personal and supportive relationships.

An outstanding staff has been chosen to lead us in this experience. "The Gospel of John" will be taught by Rev. Fay Barrhartung and Mary Lou Blakeman. "Living Values/ Changing Times" will be taught by Dr. George Calvin, Sr., Joe and Billye Elmore and Audrey Milo. Betty Ferrington, Douglas and Helen Morrill and Jung-Soon Bergmann will present the study "Japan."

Each unit is encouraged to have representation. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Be sure that you preregister so as to allow the school committee the opportunity to best plan for adequate and efficient accomodations. Continuing education credit is provided for ministers, so let your pastor know that you would like to have him/her attend. Your church will benefit and so will you!

Scholarships are available from the Conference UMW, as well as from some districts. Contact your district president or Conference Membership Chairperson, Dr. Marilyn Ray, for details.

Begin planning now to arrive early enough to register and settle in before the opening meal. Those attending the school for the first time will want to attend the session for First Timers. See the detailed schedule for time and place.

Ola and I look forward to seeing you in July. Come and help to win the Attendance Banner for your district.

Gladys T. Prillerman
Dean of 1991 School

FAITHFUL WITNESSES FOR GOD'S MISSION

Gladys T. Prillerman
Dean

Ola McNaughton
Assistant Dean

THEME: FAITHFUL WITNESSES FOR GOD'S MISSION
1991 DESIGNATED AREAS OF STUDY

The Gospel of John: This study will approach the Gospel of John from the third world experience of oppressed people encountering Jesus as he calls them to abundant life. The testimony of those whom he encountered in his life will lead us to discern his voice today in a way that takes us beyond dualism to unity.

Living Values - Changing Times: This study will enable North America to examine, critically, contemporary value systems in the light of biblical teachings; to develop strategies that affirm or work for change in personal attitudes and institutional patterns; and to find support for change within the community of faith.

Japan: Recognizing that Japan has been intricately linked with North America, the purpose of this study is to educate Christians in Canada and the United States about the realities of contemporary Japanese life, and the variety of relationships between North America and Japan, so that Christian witness may be strengthened and we may act together as faithful partners in response to the challenge facing our own nations and the global community.

LIST OF TEXTS

The Gospel of John

Basic Text: *That You May Have Life: Encounters With Jesus in the Fourth Gospel.* Women's Division, UM General Board of Global Ministries, NY: 1991.
Paper $2.50
By Jose Miguez Bonino and Nestor Oscar Mignez

Living Values/Changing Times

Basic Text: *With Integrity of Heart: Living Christian Values in Changing Times.* NY: Friendship Press, 1991.
By Clifford Elliot

Japan

Basic Text: *Christians in Japan.* NY: Friendship Press, 1991.
Paper $7.95
By Carolyn Francis Bowen and John Nakajima

MORE ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship

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Dr. Marilyn Ray
10341 Flossmoor Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

Fellowship Night

Fellowship Night will be a time for fun and relaxation. In keeping with our study on Japan, **WEAR YOUR JAPANESE COSTUME.** Mary Quinones has plans for a most enjoyable night.

Learning Center

The Learning Center in the South Cafeteria is a part of the School of Christian Mission which everyone should be sure to visit. This area will include displays by each district and some Conference officers. Each study for the school will have three different displays showing how you can introduce the studies in your local unit. Coordinating the center will be Fannie Reddix.

Resource Room

The Resource Room will be stocked with the materials you will need for participation in each of the studies. Also available will be plenty of free and inexpensive materials that will help you and your unit. A special invitation is extended by Lois Heath.

Meditation Room

The Meditation Room will be located in James Dormitory and will be opened throughout the school. You may stop in at any time for a period of quietness and spiritual guidance.

Table Graces

It has been the custom for a number of years to place prayer cards on each table in the dining hall. Celina Johnson encourages you to use these for your table grace and to be sure that you try and visit the Meditation Room.

Audio Visuals

Taylor Phillips and Evelyn Evans are excited about sharing with you the audio visuals available for this year's studies. They will be shown in classroom settings as well as large group settings.

Offering

Our offering for the 1991 School of Christian Mission will be sent undes ignated in memory of Tammy Milton who served as our nurse at the 1990 School of Christian Mission.

Each of our nine districts has a Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood who is energetic and alive to the assigned task. The link of spiritual enrichment is strengthened as Retreats and Days Apart are held. Each woman is encouraged to pray for our world situation, our military personnel, the Body of Christ (the Church) and each other.

We look forward to our supportive task for the School of Christian Mission in July. The meditations for the Pillow Talks will be supplied by Brenda Canty (Baton Rouge), Betty Ferrington (North Shore), Idella Simms (Ruston) and Constance Handy (Lake Charles). The table graces will be supplied by Marion Joseph (Acadiana), Nettie Williams (Alexandria), Shirley Wall (Monroe) and Helen McCollum (New Orleans). Ginger Marks and the chosen local units of Shreveport will do the Meditation Room.

There is time yet to participate in the Reading Program. For Plan I you must read four books from the current book list or two from the current year and two from the previous year (or two years back). Plan II calls for the reading of ten books. You may include some from previous years and include each category. Plan III includes 20 books with at least three from each category. The categories are the work areas which are "Christian Personhood", "Supportive Community", Christian Social Involvement" and "Christian Global Concerns." You may not claim credit for a book that you received recognition for having read previously. The reading keeps us informed of our part in God's mission, makes us sensitive to the needs and concerns of all human beings, keeps us knowledgeable of issues facing humankind to which the Gospel speaks, keeps us aware of who we are and educates and trains us for involvement in Christian Mission. Your CP coordinator and your Program Resource Secretary have book lists you may consult for your selection. Local Christian Personhood Coordinators are to get their reports of persons participating in the Reading Program to the district CCP so that she may report to me by August 15.

May God's blessings and love accompany you daily.

Celina T. Johnson, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood

SCHEDULE - SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Thursday, July 18, 1991

9:00 - 11:30 P.M.	Registration - James Dorm Learning Center/Resource Room*
11:00 - 12:00 Noon	First Timers**
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 P.M.	Gathering For All - Chapel
2:00 - 4:30 P.M.	Class W/15 Minute Break***
5:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center/Resource Center*
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Bible Study W/10 Minute Break****

Friday, July 19, 1991

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Devotion in Room
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Class***
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	Learning Center/Resource Room*
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.	Rest
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.	Gathering For All - Chapel (Including Officer Up-Date)
3:45 - 5:00 P.M.	Bible Study****
5:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center/Resource Room*
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Bible Study
9:00 P.M.	Fellowship**

Saturday, July 20, 1991

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Devotion in Room
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Class***
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	Learning Center/Resource Room*
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.	Rest
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.	Gathering For All - Chapel (Including Officer Up-Date)
3:45 - 5:00 .P.M.	Bible Study****
5:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center/Resource Room* (Closes after 5:30)
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Bible Study
9:00 P.M.	School Committee - Cafeteria

Sunday, July 21, 1991

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Devotion in Room
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Class***
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.	Closing - Chapel (No Lunch)

LOCATION OF MEETING PLACES:

* Cafeteria - Bynum Commons Dining Hall
** Student Union Building
*** Library Basement - Jackson Hall
**** Chapel or Kilpatrick Auditorium (To be assigned)

HOUSING - MEALS - FEES

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. If we exceed 266, Cline Dormitory will be used. The dorms will be filled on a first come - first serve basis. **Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space.** All rooms have two single beds with an adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice for a roommate.

BRING bed linens, pillow, **BLANKET,** towels, etc. You will also need clothes hangers and a cup for morning coffee. The rooms have phone jacks, so if you would like, bring a telephone. Air conditioning often makes the rooms and classes cold so **do bring a sweater.** Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear should complete the list.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms and special diets are not available.

All who stay on campus **must** purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with the policy of Centenary College. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line.

Also in accordance with the policies of Centenary College is the rule that **THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING WITHIN THE DORMITORIES OR ANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON CAMPUS.**

ANYONE NOT ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO COMES EARLY DUE TO CARPOOL SHALL PAY $10.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS IN THE CAFETERIA AS YOU GO THROUGH THE LINE.

Your address on campus will be:

James Dormitory
P. O. Box 41188
Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: 318-869-5313

HOUSING AND MEAL FEES

(To be paid on arrival at School)

Meals . . . . . (9 meals) $31.50
Housing . . . . . (3 nights) $30.00

INTRODUCING 1991 SCHOOL

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Rev. Fay Barrhartung

Rev. Fay Barrhartung, though a native of Louisiana has spent a number of years in Illinois, South Dakota, and Arkansas. Her work has been varied: She has served as Wesley Foundation director; Director of Christian Education and Youth work, as well as teaching English, literature, psychology, and education classes. She married while in South Dakota and is the mother of a son and a daughter. Her last move was to Louisiana. She attended Perkins School of Theology and became an Ordained Elder in 1990. She has taught in previous Schools of Christian Mission.

Mary Lou Blakeman

Mary Lou Blakeman, born in Sulphur, Louisiana has received degrees from Centenary College and Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Graduate work was done at Perkins School of Theology. She is married to a United Methodist Minister and is the mother of three children. Mary Lou currently works as a School Psychologist in St. Tammany Parish. Among her many accomplishments is that of teacher in Conference and Regional Schools of Christian Mission.

LIVING VALUES — CHANGING TIMES

George Calvin

Dr. George W. C. Calvin, district superintendent of the Baton Rouge District received his Master of Divinity Degree from Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia and his Doctor of Divinity from Dillard University, New Orleans. He has taught in Schools of Christian Mission throughout the South Central Jurisdiction and was leader in the Pacific Regional School of Christian Mission. Church and community affiliations are numerous. Among these are Charter member and organizer of the Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches and Synagogues; Cabinet liaison on the Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women; and member of Conference Board of Church and Society. Dr. Calvin is married and the father of two children.

Dr. Joe E. Elmore

Dr. Joe E. Elmore, a member of the Southwest Texas Conference is president of the Texas United Methodist College Association. For over twenty years he was Professor, Provost and Dean of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He earned his B.A. Degree from Southern Methodist University, his Divinity Degree from Yale Divinity School, and the Doctor of Divinity Degree from Columbia University. He has taught in the Regional School of Christian Mission in Oklahoma City and in the Southwest Texas and Texas Conference Schools.

Audrey Milo

Audrey Rosser Milo is a counselor in the Lafayette Parish School System. She has been a local, district, and conference leader in United Methodist Women. During the 1984-1988 quadrennium she was selected by Women's Division to serve as a United Nations Interpreter. Audrey has made presentations at the South Atlantic and Pacific Regional Schools of Christian Mission and served as Study Leader in the South Georgia, Central Texas and Louisiana Conferences. She is married to a United Methodist Minister and is the mother of two children.

Billye L. Elmore

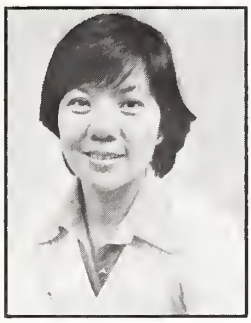
Billye L. Elmore grew up in parsonages in the Southwest Texas Conference. She is a graduate of Southwestern University and earned a Master Degree from Ball State University in Indiana. She taught for more than twenty years in public schools of Texas, Connecticut, Indiana, and California. She is President of the Austin District United Methodist Women. Billye has taught in the Midwest Regional School of Christian Mission and in the Southwest Texas, New Mexico, California-Pacific, and Texas Conference Schools of Christian Mission.

OF MISSION TEACHERS

JAPAN

Betty Ferrington

Betty Ferrington, a resident of Walker, Louisiana is married and the mother of two daughters. She attended Southeastern Louisiana University for two years majoring in Music Education. Her involvement in programs at the local, district and conference levels of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women is extensive. Included in her involvements are District Vice-President of Council on Ministries; Member Conference Board of Church and Society; and Member of Louisiana Crosslines Board. She is the immediate past Vice-President of Conference United Methodist Women and served as Assistant Chairperson for the 1991 Conference Retreat.



Jung-Soon Bergman

Jung-Soon Bergman was born in Korea and has lived in Korea, the United States, France and Algeria. She is Director of the General Board of Global Ministries. She is the mother of two children and her husband is a ministerial member of the United Methodist-New York Conference. Jung-Soon has served as missionary in Algeria; district and conference United Methodist leader; member of planning team for Conference and Regional Schools of Christian Mission. She has served as planner and leader of many workshops at the local, district, conference, and Jurisdiction levels. Photography is one of her hobbies and she has had photos published in Response and New World Outlook Magazines and Advance Specials.

Helen Morrill

Helen Wilson Morrill graduated from Hays State University, Hays, Kansas. She and her husband served as missionaries in Japan for twenty-one years. While in Japan she taught English at Kobe College and Kwansai Gakuin University. Helen received her Master Degree from Centenary College in 1981 and subsequently taught at Southern University, Shreveport until her retirement in 1988. The Morrills have just returned from a recent visit to Japan.

Douglas Morrill

Dr. Douglas W. Morrill is a graduate of Oberlin College and the University of Chicago. The Ph. D. in Economics was earned at Indiana University. He is married to Helen Wilson Morrill and is the father of three children. From 1949 to 1970, he and his wife were missionaries in Japan. During this period, among several positions held was that of lecturer at Kwansai Gakuin University and treasurer and lecturer at Kobe College in Nishinomiya, Japan. From 1977 to 1986 he was an Assistant Professor and later an Associate Professor of Economics at Centenary College.

Greetings to all of you!

It was an exciting time at the Bi-Annual Conference Retreat at Tall Timbers the first weekend in March; and then, to attend and participate in the "Gathering" at the Centroplex in Baton Rouge was very fulfilling. This is really the beginning of a spiritual awakening and a time of rededication. Our theme for this year's conference school of missions, "Faithful Witnesses For God's Mission" is beginning to unfold long before the first day of school. We are witnessing in our many projects on the local and district levels. Many of the districts have planned mini-spiritual retreats—A Day Apart. I hope to attend a few of them. There will only be one School of Missions this year. As I have stated, our general theme is: "Faithful Witnesses For God's Mission."

I am in charge of the Learning Center this year. I am requesting that all conference officers send me a snapshot to be used in the Officers' Corner in the Learning Center. Please get those to me as soon as possible. Any Conference officer wishing to have a display in the learning center, please contact me soon. There will be a special surprise in the Learning Center for all who enter. Looking forward to the continued excitement about God's Mission and Methodism. See you at the conference school of missions in July.

Yours in Christ,
Fannie Reddix
Secretary-Publicity & Public Relations

Each Local Woman
is like an Acorn...
having the heritage
of strength from
its source, and the
seed of strength
for new growth.

"EACH LOCAL WOMAN: CLAIMING OUR HERITAGE IN MISSION"

CLUSTER II WORKSHOP

July 28 - 28, 1991

Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana

Sponsored by: South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group
United Methodist Women

The South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women held a training session at Mount Sequoyah last November. Representing the Louisiana Conference were: Betty Carlin, Doris Brown and Carrie Lee Diaz.

Doris Brown was selected to chair the Cluster II spin-off event which is to be held July 27-28 on the Centenary College campus. Participating in this event will be representatives of the Louisiana, Texas, Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. The focus will be on strengthening the local unit through creative programming and interpretation of expanding concepts of mission.

The Louisiana Conference will be able to select ONLY 35 delegates. The conference will pay for the registration, room and board. Travel will be paid by the individual, or her unit, or her district.

Each of the nine districts will select three delegates; the remaining number will be selected by the conference administrative committee with regard to race, age and geographical location in order that we might have an inclusive representation.

APPLICATION

I am a local woman who has **never held office beyond the local unit.** I would like to attend this event and submit my name for consideration as a part of the Louisiana delegation.

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone Number ( ) _____

Local Church _____

District _____

I would like to attend this event because _____

_____

_____

_____

AGE GROUP

☐ 20-30
☐ 30-40
☐ 40-50
☐ over 50

ETHNIC GROUP

☐ Asian
☐ Black
☐ Hispanic
☐ Native Am.
☐ White

This application form must be mailed no later than June 1, 1991 to:
Norma S. Winegeart
P.O. Box 156
Plain Dealing, LA 71064-0156

You will be notified of selection/or not no later than June 15th.

HOPE AND WHOLENESS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Application forms for funds collected during 1991 for "Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth" are now available. Consideration will be given to projects which meet the needs of young people in the areas of health concerns, non-formal education, spiritual well-being, caretaking concerns, and young people in crisis. One-time grants averaging $4,000 to $6,000 will be given to projects working with young people ages 8 to 18.

The application forms may be obtained from the conference president and must be completed and returned to her by June 15, 1991: Norma S. Winegeart, P.O. Box 156, Plain Dealing, LA 71064-0156

CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN VIDEO

The Lost is Found!

The conference United Methodist Women own two copies of the 30 minute video "To Love in Deed" showing two successful outreach programs for children. A study guide is included. These are designed for use with the Campaign for Children. They may be borrowed by writing the conference president, Norma S. Winegeart, P.O. Box 156, Plain Dealing, LA 71064-0156.

WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL

The elected officers and study group leaders of the 17 conferences that make up the South Central Jurisdiction will attend the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission on the Centenary College campus June 12-16, 1991. Celina Johnson is the Louisiana representative on this school committee and Evelyn Evans is the chair of local arrangements.

NATIONAL SEMINAR

"Mirrors of the Spirit" will be the theme of the National Seminar to be held August 18-25, 1991 at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Each conference is to be represented by one conference officer, one district president and one member of a local unit. Delegates from Louisiana are to be: Hilda Sills, Dot Pierce and Mary Jo Duddy. Alternates are: Geneva Bell, Esther Sanson and Kathleen Conrad.

1990-1991 ANUAL REPORT AND DIRECTORY

All District Presidents have received copies of the 1990-1991 Annual Report and Directory for distribution. Every District Officer and every Local President should have a copy. The District Presidents have a few extra copies for others who would like to have one.

Printing costs have continued to increase. A contribution of two dollars ($2.00) for each copy will help defray this expense. Please send contributions through your District Treasurer marked "Annual Report and Directory."

REGISTRATION

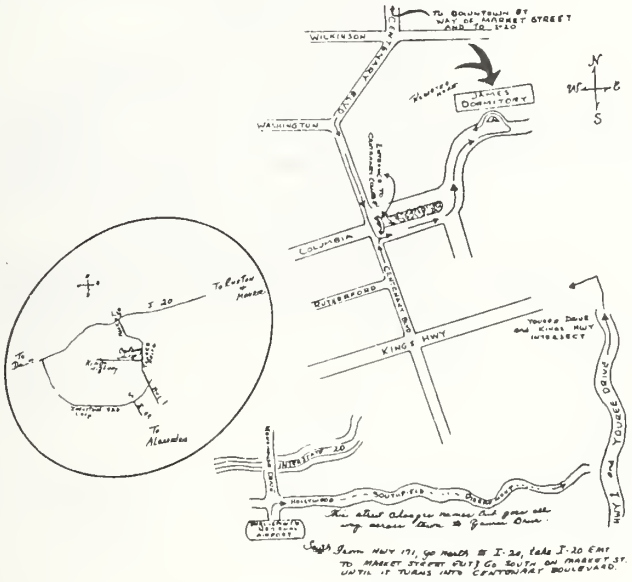
Registration, Insurance Coverage Fee $10.00

Payable to: **Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women**

Housing and meals costs will be paid upon arrival. **If you include it with this form, it will be returned to you.**

Registration fees will be returned if cancelled before July 10.

Send the entire form printed below with your $10.00 to:
Mrs. Judy Rountree
P.O. Box 635
Jonesville, LA 71343
Telephone: 318/339-9892



CENTENARY
COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA

"THANK YOU!" SAY IT IN MANY WAYS

A suggestion came from the North Shore District Financial Interpreter Delma Baker, that is worthy of our attention. Use the Prayer Calendar to find a missionary with the same birthday as yours. Send that person an "In The Service of Christ" card with a ribbon included. Tell them of your thanks, prayers, and support of them through United Methodist Women.

In 1990, Special Mission Recognitions in our conference decreased $695.00. Gift to Mission cards increased $630.00 and the World Thank Offering decreased $291.12. With these factors in mind each unit is encouraged to give one more SMR and all units give at least one. In this way we thank a deserving person as well as giving to mission.

Emphasis will be given to the World Thank Offering at School of Christian Mission with each district designing a THANK BANK.

Please be reminded that all conference and district offerings go undesignated. **The offering at school this year will be sent undesignated in memory of Tammy Milton who was the 1990 school nurse.**

Our Pledge to Mission for 1991 is $315,000.00. This can be reached if we put our faith into action.

My thanks for your continued dedication to Christ's mission.

Mary Spell, Treasurer

REGISTRATION FORM
Louisiana Conference
School of Christian Mission
Centenary College

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____

District _____

ONLY INCLUDE THE $10.00 REGISTRATION FEE

Studies: Everyone participates in The Gospel of John

Choose one of the following:

☐ Living Values/Changing Times ☐ Japan

Address if not staying on campus

_____ Phone _____

☐ Check if attending for first time.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Home Telephone ( ) _____

Roommate preferred _____
(Please submit together if possible)

IF YOU NEED A FIRST FLOOR ROOM YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE.

Housing and meals will be paid upon arrival at the school

Arriving: Date _____ Time _____

DO NOT FILL IN BELOW THIS LINE.

Assigned to: _____

Room No. _____

The seventh bi-annual Retreat of the Louisiana Conference U.M.W. was held March 1-3 at Tall Timbers Conference Center. The theme, "Dance of Discipleship" was beautifully developed and led by Marilyn Brown Oden. Kathy Dauphin was the Communion Celebrant and the music was led by Tracy Carpenter and Virginia Burris. Chairperson of this event was Janelle McCammon and Betty Ferrington was her assistant. Approximately two hundred women participated in this very meaningful retreat. We again thank our lovely "Marilyn" for showing us how to dance!

June 3-6	Annual Conference Centenary College
12-16	Regional School of Missions (For ALL Conference Officers) Centenary College
July 18-21	School of Christian Mission Centenary College
15-22	World Federation Meth. Women Singapore
24-31	World Methodist Conference Singapore
Sept. 20-21	Conference Annual Meeting Henning Memorial U.M.C. Sulphur, Louisiana Peggy Pugh, Chairperson Donna Bergstedt, Ass't. Chp.
October 25-26	Dist. Elected Leaders' Training Tall Timbers Conference Center Judy Rountree, Chairperson Taylor Phillips, Ass't. Chp.
Nov. 8-11	Church Women United Jubilee Assembly, St. Louis, Missouri

1991 COMMITTEE
SCHOOL OF
CHRISTIAN MISSION

Dean ..... Gladys T. Prillerman
Ass't. Dean ..... Ola McNaughton
Registrar/Housing ..... Judy Rountree
Treasurer/Business Manager ..... Mary Spell
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Music Coordinator ..... Annette Fortuna
Pianist ..... Francis Terrill
Estelle Dameron Scholarships ..... Marilyn Ray
Audio Visuals ..... Evelyn Evans
Taylor Phillips
Worship ..... Celina Johnson
Resource Room ..... Lois Heath
Learning Center ..... Fannie Reddix
Editor ..... Nancy Carruth
Fun Night ..... Mary Quinones
Packets ..... Betty Turner
Evaluations ..... BettyCarlin
Local Arrangements ..... Patty Lindsey
Coffee/Newspapers ..... Hilda Sills
Geneva Bell
Mary Pollard
Nurse ..... Helen Owens
UMW President ..... Norma Winegeart

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Louisiana Conference

United Methodist Women

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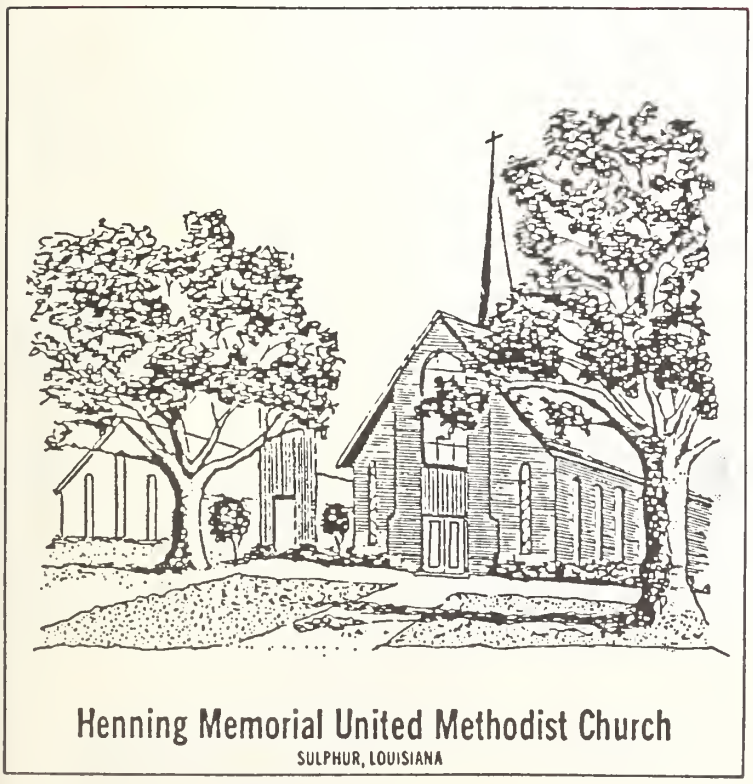
Eighteenth Annual Meeting Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

September 20 - 21, 1991
Theme: "One Plus. . ."



The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center of Henning Memorial United Methodist Church in Sulphur, Louisiana, Friday, September 20, 1991.

Conference President Norma Winegeart will preside over the meeting. Rev. Fred Wideman, pastor of the host church, Joyce Hazel, President of the Lake Charles District, and Pat Davis, President of the local United Methodist Women's group at Henning will welcome participants

We have taken our theme from the fact that there are now more than one million members in United Methodist Women--one million plus is an exciting milestone; but one, plus everything else is where it must begin. As with last year's "You Are The Link," so you represent the one. As the journey of many miles begins with one step, one million members begins with one member.

Thelma Johnson, Vice President of the Women's Division, United Methodist Women, will speak twice during the meeting--a keynote on Friday evening and again in an informative summary of relationships between local units and the national office. We plan to collect questions you may have for Thelma through the Friday evening session and ask her to answer some of them during the time alloted to her on Saturday morning.

Peggy Pugh and Donna Bergstedt are Co-Chairpersons of the Annual Meeting Task Force; Pat Davis and Iris Vinson are working as Co-Chairpersons of Local Arrangements Committee. Southwest Louisiana is rice and cattle and petro-chemical country, famous for its hospitality and its spicy Cajun food. We do not plan a banquet; information about local fare will be included in your packets and ample time will be allowed for exploration (and maybe a nap, just in case).

See you in September?

Peggy Pugh

Donna Bergstedt

Co-Chairpersons

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Norma Winegeart
President

*One Plus. . .*will be the theme of the eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. Come and see how this will be developed during the course of the two day meeting -- September 20 and 21. The sessions will be held in the Family Life Center of the Henning Memorial United Methodist Church in Sulphur.

The Annual Meeting Task Group has been preparing for this event under the capable leadership of Peggy Pugh, chairperson, and Donna Bergstedt, assistant chairperson.

We will be honored to have as our guest speaker Thelma Johnson, vice president of the Women's Division. Special music will be furnished by the Sulphur High School Choir, the Korean Church Choir and the Warren Church Choir. Other plans and personalities may be found throughout this newsletter.

Following the Conference Standing Rules this publication will list the nominees for elected leadership. Local units will be represented at the annual meeting of the conference organization on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership of each local unit will be determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory of the conference organization, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

The voting membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons: the members of the Executive Committee, the delegates from the local units, the district officers, the wife of the resident bishop, all conference presidents of United Methodist Women and Women's Societies and chairpersons of Wesleyan Service Guild of former Conferences A and B and their predecessor organizations.

Each one registered is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until returning home. The insurance fee, cost of packets, and other general expenses are covered by the registration fee. Therefore, EVERYONE attending MUST pay the registration fee.

Return your registration forms right away! Each one is responsible for making her own housing arrangements.

Registration will be held on Friday morning and the meeting will convene at one o'clock.

The Lake Charles District United Methodist Women will provide a sandwich and cookie lunch on both Friday and Saturday; and a continental breakfast on Saturday. You will note that no formal banquet has been planned this year and you will be on your own on Friday evening -- to eat a hamburger or a seafood platter. . .according to your tastes and pocketbook. Be sure to return to the church for the evening session!

Every local unit should have at least one person present. . .and ALL United Methodist Women are urged to attend!

Norma S. Winegeart
President

ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations of nominees for office, to be elected Friday, September 20:

Nominated for re-election to another two year term:

PRESIDENT
Norma Winegeart (Mrs. Jack)
P. O. Box 156
Plain Dealing, Louisiana 71064

SECRETARY
Seola Callahan (Mrs. Lawrence)
HC-85 Box 130
Oakdale, Louisiana 71463

MISSION COORDINATOR FOR CHRISTIAN GLOBAL CONCERNS:
Mary Pollard (Mrs. Ted)
321 Cleveland Street
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
Marilyn Ray (Dr.)
10341 Flossmoor Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

SECRETARY OF PUBLICITY/ PUBLIC RELATIONS
Fannie P. Reddix (Mrs. Roscoe)
1330 Cambronne
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

Nominated for election to a two year term:

SECRETARY OF PROGRAM RESOURCES
Sally Nash (Mrs.)
3433 Spruce
Shreveport, Louisiana 71109

Nominated to Chair Committee on Nominations for one year:

Kathy Shea (Mrs. F. D.)
300 Cleco Drive
Pineville, Louisiana 71360

Nominated for election to Committee on Nominations for three year term:

Susanna Rose
530 Harrington Street
Bastrop, Louisiana 71220

Lois Heath (Mrs. Daniel)
1263 Progress Road
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70807

Barbara Hamilton (Mrs. John)
4742 Knight Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

Annie Lincoln, Chairperson
Committee on Nominations

PROGRAM
"One Plus. . ."

Friday Afternoon, 1:00 P.M.
Family Life Center

Prelude ..... Mary Lou Jones
Convening of Eighteenth Annual Meeting ..... Norma Winegeart
Affirming Our Purpose (in Unison)
Welcome ..... Rev. Fred Wideman
Joyce Hazel
Pat Davis
Recognition of Visitors ..... Norma Winegeart
Presentation of the Program ..... Peggy Pugh
Lighting of the Mission Candle
Opening Worship ..... Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn
Special Music ..... Sulphur High School Ensemble
Business Session

BREAK

U.M.W. Sings ..... Elaine Glenn
Greetings from Jurisdiction ..... Clois Sanders
Project Reports
Honoring of Retiring Officers ..... Shirley Hoffpauir

CLOSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday Evening, 7:00 P.M.
Family Life Center

Invocation ..... Joyce Hazel
Acknowledgements ..... Iris Vinson
Special Music
Introduction of Speaker ..... Betty Carlin
Address ..... Thelma L. Johnson
Benediction ..... Rev. Ray Holt

Saturday Morning, 8:30 A.M.
Family Life Center

U.M.W. Sings ..... Elaine Glenn
Morning Worship ..... Rev. Tracy MacKenzie
Special Music
Pledge Service ..... Mary Quinones
Report of Registration ..... Sybil Moore
Special Mission Recognition ..... Norma Winegeart
Address ..... Thelma L. Johnson
Offertory
Installation of Conference Officers ..... Janelle McCammon
Invitation to 1992 Annual Meeting
Announcements and Adjournment of Meeting

BREAK

Service of Holy Communion ..... Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn
Rev. John Winn

Delegates and guests attending the Annual Meeting are asked to bring questions about the relationship between the local unit and the national organization. These will be directed to Thelma Johnson on Saturday morning.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Headquarters Motel:
Holiday Inn
I-10 & State Road 27
Ruth Street N. (Exit 20)
Sulphur, Louisiana 70663

Telephone Number:
(318)528-2061

Room Rates:
$40.00 plus 10% tax (1-2 persons)
$44.00 plus 10% tax (3-4 persons)

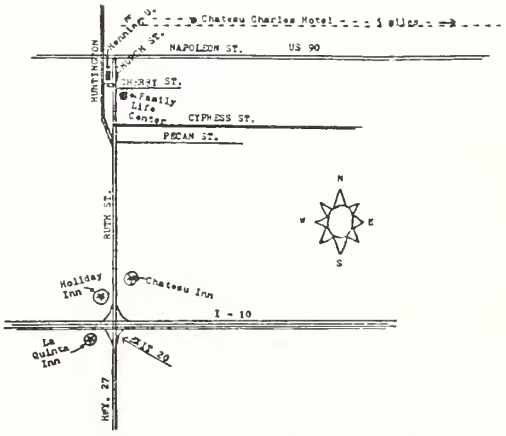
Other motels with rooms available:
LaQuinta Inn (Exit 20)
Ruth Street S.
(318)527-8303
$45.00 plus 10% tax (2-4 persons)

Chateau Inn (Exit 20)
2022 Ruth Street
(318)527-8146
$35.00 plus 10% tax (2-4 persons)

Chateau Charles
I-10 & Highway 90
(318)882-6130
$45.00 plus 10% tax

Reservations deadline:
August 31, 1991

Tell the Reservations Clerk that you are with United Methodist Women!



It has been called to our attention that our sessions will be held in the Family Life Center of the church. Since we will be using folding chairs, you may wish to bring a seat cushion.

PROGRAM

THELMA JOHNSON

Thelma Johnson

Thelma Johnson is vice president of the Women's Division. As a director of the General Board of Global Ministries, she is also assigned to the National Division.

Ecumenical Relations is her major responsibility for the Women's Division and she is a member of the Executive Committee of the North American Area, World Federation of Methodist Women, and of the Common Council of Church Women United. During the 1984-88 Quadrennium she chaired the Committee on Schools.

She is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio where she attended the University of Cincinnati. After thirty-five years of employment, she took early retirement in order to devote more time to volunteer work in the church, especially with United Methodist Women. Her officer responsibilities have been the holding of almost every office in the local unit, United Methodist Women, Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns for the Cincinnati District, Coordinator of Christian Personhood for the West Ohio Conference, and vice president of the Core Planning Group for the North Central Jurisdiction.

She served as a member of the Program Committee on Education for Mission of the National Council of Churches during the years 1984-88.

Thelma has taught in many Schools of Christian Mission and has attended Schools of Christian Mission for more than 30 years.

She was a delegate to General Conference in 1984 and 1988. During the 1988 Conference, she served as secretary for the Legislative Section on Higher Education and Ministry.

She has raised four children, two natural and her two godchildren. She has three grandchildren. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, collecting bells and old Bibles and miniatures. She enjoys tutoring neighborhood children in math and English.

We welcome Thelma to our Annual Meeting as our keynote speaker.

Rev. Fred Wideman

Rev. Fred Wideman will be our host pastor for our meeting in Sulphur. Rev. Wideman has recently been assigned to Henning Memorial United Methodist Church. Fred is a native of Homer, a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

He and his wife, Ann, are the parents of three children, Alison, Bryan and Angela.

Janelle McCammon

Janelle McCammon will install the new officers at Annual Meeting during the Saturday morning session. Janelle is a former Conference President of UMW and has served in youth work throughout the conference. She serves on several boards including the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and Committee on Episcopacy.

Janelle is the widow of the late Rev. Robert McCammon and the mother of two daughters and grandmother of two.

Shirley Hoffpauir

The service of honoring the retiring conference officers will be conducted by Shirley Hoffpauir. She herself is a retired conference officer, having served as Treasurer and also as Secretary of Program Resources. Shirley has held numerous offices on the district and local level and presently serves on the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. She retired from her job as Accountant and Office Manager of a law firm. Shirley and her husband, Leo, have one son.

PERSONNEL

Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn

Rev. John Winn

After pioneering for twelve years as Co-pastors, Carole Cotton-Winn and John Winn broke new ground in the Louisiana Conference. In 1990, Carole was named by Bishop William Oden as the first woman District Superintendent in the history of the Conference. She was assigned to the Lake Charles District.

At the same time John was given the responsibility of developing a model for the conference that would deal with the whole range of ministry issues in a way that would enhance pastoral effectiveness. The result is THE CENTER FOR PASTORAL EFFECTIVENESS, a joint venture of the Louisiana Annual Conference and its Board of Ordained Ministry. John was named Director.

From 1978-88 Carole and John co-pastored First United Methodist Church in Houma, Louisiana, a unique church of over a thousand members in the heart of the "oil patch" and Louisiana's Acadian culture. They developed innumerable patterns of collegial ministry, not the least of which was a penchant for Dialogue Sermons. Mostly, they alternated Sundays preaching, but on special Festival occasions of the Church Year, they would preach a Dialogue Sermon.

In 1988 Bishop Ben Oliphant appointed them to the Aldersgate UMC in Slidell, Louisiana, just outside of New Orleans. Aldersgate is the fastest growing church in the Conference and though only fourteen years old has a membership in excess of 1500. Throughout its history its average attendance has well exceeded 40% of its membership.

John and Carole felt they were at the beginning of another long-term pastorate, when Bishop Oden decided he wanted Carole on his Cabinet. She has been in ministry in the Conference since 1970, has preached at numerous national events and Annual Conference Sessions, been a member of the General Board of Discipleship, served on the General Conference Committee on the Mission of the Church, and has been on the last three delegations to General and Jurisdictional Conference.

In 1975 John and Carole presented one of the Jackson Lectures on Worship at Ministers' Week, SMU, in the form of a Festival Worship Service, "Cycles of Celebration." In 1987 they preached an Ordination Dialogue Sermon at the Missouri-East Annual Conference and in 1989 they preached a Dialogue Ordination Sermon at the Missouri-West Annual Conference.

For July of 1989 Carole and John coordinated some twenty-five worship events and classes on worship and preaching for the National Convocation of The Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship, Music and Other Arts in Claremont, California. In addition, they planned the Evening Festival Worship Services, and preached at the closing Communion Service.

John, too, has served on the Conference Delegation a number of times, served two quadrennia as Registrar of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and is currently a member of the Conference Board of Pensions. He has written numerous articles and church school studies.

John and Carole have a daughter, Lane Cotton Winn.

At the recent Annual Conference, Carole was elected a delegate to the 1992 General Conference and both were elected to the Jurisdictional Conference.

At our Annual Meeting, Carole will present the opening worship as the host District Superintendent. She and John will serve together as communion celebrants for the closing service.

Pat Davis
Local UMW President

Iris Vinson
Local Arrangements Co-Chairperson
(with Pat Davis)

Happenings for Mission
YOU Are Still the Link!

When we use both traditional and new ways to respond to God's mission, the result is personal growth, Unit continuity, renewed District spirit, and attainment beyond Conference goals. **GROWTH IS CONTAGIOUS!** I challenge **YOU** to be a **LINK FOR MISSION** by promoting growth through every one of our upcoming happenings for mission.

PLAN NOW FOR:

Conference & District Retiring Officers
Gifts to say "thanks" by SMRP's and Gifts to Mission may be sent with any quarterly report to your District Treasurer.

Conference Mission Candle - A tradition at Conference Annual Meeting - Becoming a tradition throughout the districts. $38.72 will burn the candle for one minute in support of mission. However, there are no minimum or maximum gifts. The **DEADLINE is September 5th** for mailing gifts to your **District Treasurer.**

Five-Star Certificates of Recognition for unit participation in all five Channels for Undesignated Giving, from 1990 District 4th Quarter reporting through 1991 District 3rd Quarter reporting. Certificates will be presented at your District Annual Meetings during October.

World Thank Offering Month - Conference Emphasis during October. All members will want to receive their personal copy of our **NEW** sheet with **"31-DERFUL WAYS TO SAY THANKS"** (Copy included in this Newsletter). Please note that any month can be designated by your unit as World Thank Offering Month.

1992 Pledge to Mission - Only four of nine Districts increased their pledge for '92, based on 1990 giving by local units. Your Conference, however, has proposed to maintain a Pledge of $315,000.00 for 1992 because all are confident that 1992 local pledges will increase.

WHY? - LOUISIANA POTENTIAL FOR PLEDGE $$$ IN 1992:

Each Member Pledges $38.72 (average) to support one minute of mission: (based on units giving 60% of the budget undesignated)	$283,221.31
Each Unit gives at least **1 SMRP:**	9,630.00
Each Unit uses at least **10 Gift to Mission Cards:**	16,050.00
(And includes one Mission Ribbon to only ten Missionaries):	3,210.00
Each Unit uses only **2 Gift in Memory Cards:**	3,210.00
Participate in **World Thank Offering** with only 1/4 of members using the "31-derful" sheets:	42,668.50
TOTAL POTENTIAL	$357,989.81

Our Conference has great potential for making mission happen, and **YOU are still the link!**

In His Love,
Mary Quinones, Secretary
for Financial Interpretation

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Congratulations! ! !

Congratulations are in order to the following women who will represent the Louisiana Annual Conference at the General and Jurisdictional Conferences next spring and summer.

General Conference delegates:
- Nancy Carruth
- Anita Crump
- Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn

Jurisdictional Conference delegates:
- The three General Conference delegates and
- Amy Ward
- Carolyn Dove
- Seola Callahan
- Dorothy Mae Taylor

Jurisdictional alternate delegates:
- Pat Hogan
- Vera Packer
- Rev. Carol Susan Winn
- Rev. Marie Williams

These women will join the laymen and clergymen elected as the official delegation.

District Elected Leaders Training
Please note change

October 26, 1991
10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
Pineville

ALL elected district officers for 1991-1992 are to come to the First United Methodist Church in Pineville on Saturday, October 26, for training by the conference officers. The speaker for the day will be Nancy Carruth.

This will be a one day meeting - from 10 o'clock in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon. Plans are being made by the chairperson, Judy Rountree, with Taylor Phillips as assistant chairperson.

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As it is getting near the time for our Annual Meeting, we need to look forward to where we are going in our program and backward to where we have been. Our programs, like our Purpose need to cover all areas of our mission, prayer, giving, serving, and studying, so we can be about our Father's work.

As you start preparing for your District Annual Meeting, remember to build your program around the Purpose. I am looking forward to seeing a large number of you at Sulphur.

I would like to take a personal privilege here to thank all for the many cards and prayers I received while I was in the hospital. I am feeling a lot better, so again, thank you.

Betty Carlin
Conference Vice President

Nancy M. Carruth has been elected to serve a second quinquennium (1991-1996) as a member of the World Methodist Council. She has served on the Executive Committee of this world organization during the 1986-1991 quinquennium and will be attending the World Methodist Conference in Singapore July 20-31. While there she will serve on a panel of regional participants for a presentation to the Family Life Conference. Mrs. Carruth will also be a leader of one of the small groups (called "Pondoks").

Other women from Louisiana who are delegates to the World Conference are Sarah Kreutziger and Lena French.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

OCTOBER 5

Acadiana District
First UMC
Lafayette

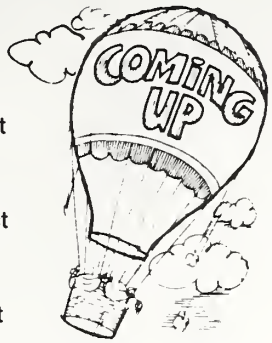
Alexandria District
Palestine UMC
Pineville

Baton Rouge District
St. Mark UMC
Baton Rouge

Lake Charles District
First UMC
Leesville

New Orleans District
Munholland UMC
Metairie

Ruston District
First UMC
Springhill



OCTOBER 12

Monroe District
First UMC
Bastrop

North Shore District
First UMC
Denham Springs

OCTOBER 13

Shreveport District
St. Paul UMC
Shreveport

District Elected Leader's Training
October 26
First United Methodist Church
Pineville, Louisiana

Christian Disciplines Workshop
Tall Timbers Conference Center
January 17-19, 1991
Conference Executive Committee
District Christian Personhood and
District Supportive Community Coordinators

United Methodist Women's Sunday
January 26, 1992
To be observed in churches
ALL over Louisiana

Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting
Tall Timbers Conference Center
February 7-8, 1992

UMW Jurisdiction Meeting
Fairmont Hotel
Dallas. Texas
April 3-5, 1992

General Conference
Louisville, Kentucky
May 5-16, 1992

South Central Jurisdictional Meeting
Fort Worth, Texas
July 14-17, 1992

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 20-21, 1991
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City _____

Number in Local Unit _____ District _____

Where will you be staying during the meeting?

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Will child care be needed? _____ Ages of children _____

NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of the expense of the meeting.

Deadline for registration
September 10, 1991

STATISTICAL REPORT

The local units report to the district president; the district presidents report to the conference president; the conference president reports to Women's Division. The Louisiana Conference reports for 1990:

321 units in the conference
12,191 as the total membership
$270,136.10 - undesignated giving
$30,028.75 - designated gifts to mission
239 units celebrated UMW Sunday in 1990

JANELLE McCAMMON HONORED

Each year during Annual Conference the United Methodist Women honor someone with a Special Mission Recognition, which represents a $100 gift to mission in their name.

Janelle McCammon was selected for the honor this year. Janelle suffered a heart attack and stroke that left her partially paralyzed, but she has fought back and struggled to regain her health. She has been an inspiration to all who know her. She has had the greatest of courage, faith and determination. This was our way of saying "Thanks" to Janelle for being so special to us.

A bouquet of flowers was presented to her by her district, the Acadiana District.

CLUSTER II EVENT

We are pleased to announce that the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women have 35 delegates and three alternates ready to attend the Cluster II event at Centenary College, July 27-28. The emphasis will be on the local woman. Other delegates will come from the North Arkansas, Little Rock and Texas Conferences.

Doris Brown is the chairperson for this event. Others from our conference on the leadership team are Betty Carlin, Carrie Lee Diaz and Mary Spell. Lueburda Myers will represent the Core Planning Group.

JURISDICTION MEETING OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The South Central Jurisdiction of United Methodist Women will meet April 3-5, 1992 at the Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, Texas. ALL United Methodist Women are invited to attend. . .so put this on your calendar now!

Registration packets will be available soon. Friday afternoon will offer three tours (select one): Wesley Rankin/Bethlehem Center, Southern Methodist University, and Cooperative Parish/Grace UMC.

The goal is to have 1,000 women present. Plan now to be there!

ASSEMBLY FUNDS RECEIVED

The quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women was held in May 1990. The offering was designated "Witnessing for Children and Youth in a New World." Four Louisiana projects were selected to receive funds from this offering:

Health Care for Migrant Children
Memorial United Methodist Church, Monroe $1,500

After School Program
Faith United Methodist Church, Shreveport.....$1,000

Back to Basics--Parent, Child Education Program
Hartzell-Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Slidell .....$ 500

Latchkey Program
Wesley United Methodist Church, DeRidder.....$ 100

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1992
QUADRENNIAL MEETING
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

April 3-5, 1992
Fairmont Hotel — Dallas, Texas

You are invited to the Quadrennial Meeting of the United Methodist Women of the South Central Jurisdiction Fairmont Hotel — Dallas, Texas April 3-5, 1992

Join other United Methodist Women in Dallas to share talents, enjoy Bible study, participate in interest groups, be inspired by creative worship, learn new methods of expressing your faith, meet women from other ethnic backgrounds, form new friendships, renew old relationships, sing, dance, eat, hear Joyce Sohl and Sally Graham Ernst as they enlighten you on the mission of United Methodist Women. Experience the leadership of Dr. John Holbert, the Rev. Diana Holbert, Rabbi Nancy Kasten and the Rev. Charlotte Abram. Celebrate with mime and clowning artists Bob and Doug Berky; laugh at the story of dramatist Moyna Hudgens and be a part of business sessions of the Quadrennial Meeting. Selected delegates will vote on the nominees for Women's Division Directors, but all other parts of the gathering are for each United Methodist Woman who attends.

If you miss this meeting you will not have another chance for four more years, so plan to come now. There's room for you on the ark!!!

REGISTER NOW!!

Select your roommates and send all of your registration forms in one envelope to the registrar, Marilyn J. Bolinger, 4040 Flintridge, Dallas, TX 75244. Until February 1, the registration fee is $25—after February 1, the fee will increase to $30. Please read carefully all of the information concerning the meeting and fill out the total information and send in the total amount of money. Your registration may be transferred to another name, but no refunds will be made after March 1, 1992.

Following our conference Standing Rules, the voting delegates were elected at the Annual Meeting in September. They are: Norma Winegeart, Betty Carlin, Celina Johnson, Fannie Reddix, Seola Callahan, and Mary Quinones, with Mary Spell as alternate. Our conference nominees as directors of the Women's Division are: Lueburda Myers, Audrey Milo and Pat Cobb, with Betty Ferrington as alternate.

AMERICAN AIRLINES has provided a group rate discount fare. If you are booking through a **Travel Agent**, provide them with Star Number S2642PC. If booking directly through American, call the Meeting Service Desk at 1-800-433-1790 and provide them with the Star Number and identify the group as United Methodist Women, South Central Jurisdiction.

The Friday afternoon Optional Tours will depart the hotel at 2:30 and you will eat your evening meal with your tour group. The opening session and worship will be at 7 p.m. The meeting will adjourn at noon on Sunday, with no meal planned at that time.

Registration blank is on back page.
Be sure to fill in both sides.

There are many events in our church that take place only once in each quadrennium. Your conference president has been a part of two such meetings in recent months.

There were twenty-eight conference guests representing selected conferences from each jurisdiction who attended the Annual Meeting of the Women's Division in New York City, October 15-20. We were there as observers. I was assigned to sit in on the Section of Mission and Membership Development. They did ask us to take part in the discussions here, but without vote. One of the nicest parts of such a meeting is putting together names and faces. It was also my privilege to sit in on the opening session of the General Board session of the World Division.

The quadrennial conference of the Institutional Ministries was conducted by the National Division, November 16-21 in E. Rutherford, New Jersey. Directors and board chairmen of the national division institutions, and conference presidents of United Methodist Women were invited to attend. Present from Louisiana were Gerald Bridges and William Wilder from McDonell Children's Services in Houma, Rev. Robin Thompson and Reginald Billiot from the Dulac Community Center, and your conference UMW president. This gathering included a trip into New York City for lunch at Riverside Church and tour/meetings at 475 Riverside Drive — our national headquarters building. There were a number of excellent speakers and this was an informative session.

I am grateful to the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, the Women's Division and the National Division for these great opportunities to learn more about our great organization.

Norma S. Winegeart, President
Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women

Our final figures for 1991 are now complete and once again, we have not reached our goal of $315,000.00 in undesignated giving. We have paid on our pledge, $280,470.31. This is $10,000.00 more than we paid in 1990, but still short of our goal. We also paid an additional $32,933.54 in designated funds. Seven of our nine districts made their pledge goal. We must continue to promote undesignated giving as a means of supporting our organization.

The Supplementary giving emphasis for 1989-1991 is "Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth." The Women's Division voted to continue this until 1996. It focuses on ministries with young people from 8-18 years of age, both in the United States and in other countries.

In October, a new column in **Respons**e debuted. It is called "Money Matter . . . in the Local Unit," and focuses on specific, concrete help for local units and local United Methodist Women.

May the Spirit of Christ be with you throughout the New Year.

Mary Spell, Treasurer

From the Vice-President:

We have been working on our programs for the new year. Last July we started on the Annual Meeting for 1992. We have secured a great speaker and Slidell has been making plans for months. So, start making plans to be in Slidell in September.

An in-house Conference Workshop on Christian Disciplines is to be held on January 17, 18 & 19 for all conference elected leaders, district presidents, and the District Mission Coordinators of Christian Personhood and Supportive Community. This will be held at Tall Timbers Conference Center and will be led by four persons from the Women's Division.

The Dean of School of Christian Missions, Betty Ferrington, along with Lois Heath have plans for this year's school well underway and we can look forward to a great school.

So support our many learning and growing experiences this year.

Yours in prayer,
Betty Carlin
Conference Vice-President

FIVE-STAR GIVING - PLUS!

For 1990-91, the Conference FIVE STAR UNDESIGNATED GIVING PROGRAM recognized 47 local units who participated in all Five Channels of Undesignated Giving. It is important to interpret their planned giving as an investment in spiritual growth. Our Undesignated Giving supports the TOTAL PROGRAM OF MISSION carried out through the Women's Division; and the Five Star Program challenges every local unit to BE that COMMUNITY OF WOMEN working together to fulfill our UMW PURPOSE. Every part of the UMW PURPOSE calls us to S-T-R-E-T-C-H beyond our familiar interpretations of MISSION:

ONE PLEDGE - PLUS the joy of knowing God through prayer, studying His Word, and being in service to others;

ONE SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION - PLUS experiencing freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ;

ONE GIFT TO MISSION - PLUS development as a creative fellowship;

ONE GIFT IN MEMORY - PLUS being a supportive fellowship;

ONE WORLD THANK OFFERING - PLUS personal gratitude which expands concepts of global mission.

Congratulations to our 1990-91 Five Star Units
(listed by district):

Acadiana: Abbeville, Asbury, Church of the Covenant, First-Houma, First-Lafayette, First-New Iberia, Indian Bayou

Alexandria: Fellowship-Hineston

Baton Rouge: Broadmoor, First-Baton Rouge, Gonzales, Zachary

Lake Charles: First-Lake Charles, Henning Memorial, Prospect-Hornbeck, St. Luke-Simpson

Monroe: First-Bastrop, First-Monroe, McGuire, Memorial-Bastrop

New Orleans: Aurora, Cornerstone, Gretna, Metairie, Mount Zion, St. Charles, St. Matthew's-Metairie

North Shore: Denham Springs, Elizabeth Sullivan Memorial, First-Hammond, First-Ponchatoula, First-Slidell, Hartzell-Mount Zion, St. Timothy, Walker

Ruston: Farmerville, Heflin, Homer, First-Minden, Trinity, Springhill

Shreveport: Benton, Broadmoor, Caddo Heights, First-Bossier City, First-Shreveport, Summer Grove

S-T-R-E-T-C-H to GROW IN MISSION in 1992! BE A FIVE STAR UNIT - PLUS!

Yours in Christ,
Mary Quinones,
Secretary for Financial Interpretation

My prayer is that each of you have a healthy, happy New Year filled with blessings revealing the 'Glimpses of God'. This is the overall theme of the Regional School of Christian Missions, but we are all witnesses, in a fashion, to this theme already. As the chairpersons of the Committee on Christian Personhood gather momentum for this new year, we pause to give thanks to God and to each of our sisters in Christ for the faithful link that strengthens our endeavors of missions. We have our assignments already for table graces and meditations for the Conference School of Christian Mission and encourage each district Chairperson to promote the district schools of Christian Mission. Keep in mind that our local units are our basic strength and each of us must be a vital part of that unit. Programs, tasks, reading, studying, self-denials and gatherings should be at its peak during this season. 'Let your light shine that others may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'

The Reading Program for the LA Conference had one of the most successful years honoring 300 persons with certificates. What a wonderful way to spend idle time and at the same time grow spiritually, intellectually and knowledgeably. Let one of your resolutions for 1992 be to have your name on a certificate at your District Annual Meeting.

The new dean for the Gulf Regional School is Jerry Williams of Chesterfield, Missouri. The conference officers look forward to going to Baker College at Baldwin, Kansas for the school in June. Dr. Roscoe Reddix, husband of Fannie Reddix (Secretary of Publicity/ Public Relations) was instrumental in our splendid display in the Learning Center at Gulf Regional and Conference and we look forward to this fine cooperation this year with untold appreciation. Lake Charles has promised the banner using the theme, 'Glimpses of God'. Hopefully when I attend the planning meeting in early February, I can carry the concept of the cover for 1992 GRSCM.

There's more to do in '92, can we depend on you?

Celina T. Johnson
Coordinator for Christian Personhood

Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation

Browsing through the packet of materials I received yesterday from the Board of Global Ministries, I've chosen two topics that are very important to Coordinators for Supportive Community. Our goal this year is that the districts will begin working on ways to implement the Charter for Racial Justice as discussed at DELT. As Coordinator for Supportive Community, I concur with everything as stated and have chosen to disseminate these sections as suggested.

JUSTICE, PEACE and the INTEGRITY OF CREATION

The purpose is: Support and participation in the World Council of Churches' Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation process.

"To join the issue of peace, justice and the well being of Creation is to create a common understanding of their interconnectedness." A set of ten affirmation was approved by the Convocation for a process of covenanting. I am using nos. 3 and 10.

3. We affirm that people of every race, caste and ethnic group are of equal value. In the very diversity of their cultures and traditions, they reflect the rich plurality of God's creation.

10. We affirm that human rights are God-given and that their promotion and protection are essential for freedom, justice, and peace. To protect and defend human rights, an independent judicial system is necessary.

In affirming its participation in the justice, peace and the integrity of creation process of the World Council of Churches, the United Methodist Church specifically pledges to: (five were given) I'm using

4. urge all United Methodists to implement the Social Principles and General Conference resolution which addresses these issues, especially "Economic Justice", "The United Methodist Church and Peace", "Environmental Stewardship", "Global Racism" and "An Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women."

5. urge all United Methodists to join in covenant with Christians around the world to work to fulfill the goals of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

This information was taken from Exhibit 3, Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation from the GBGM/GBCS.

This is taken from the letter from the Women's Division dated November 22, 1991. From Ressie Mae Bass, Chairperson, Section of Christian Social Relations and Ellen Kirby, Assistant General Secretary, Section of Christian Social Relations.

"Since the Annual Meeting, our national president, Sally G. Ernst has joined with presidents and leaders of church women's organizations in sending a letter to President Bush, urging him to use the power of his office to bring a new and different tone to the public arena so that reconciliation and justice can be brought to prominence rather than division and hate. As we approach the 1992 election processes, we urge you to voice this same concern with public officials in your states.

We continue to stress the importance of our Charter for Racial Justice and the work of Conference Committees. The "David Duke phenomenon" is one that exists all over the nation and needs our most careful and concentrated attention. As the recession hits more widely, the tendency toward racism, division and scapegoating will get stronger. As women commited to mission we must show a better way through study, action and community based on love and justice.

As Coordinator for Supportive Community for Louisiana, I trust that each UMW District Coordinator and each UMW member will govern their District accordingly with prayers, faith and love for God and his creation.

Hilda Sills
Coordinator for Supportive Community

NOMINEES TO WOMEN'S DIVISION

PAT COBB

Pat has held many offices in U.M.W., including district president, conference Secretary of Membership, co-chair of Conference Retreat and District Elected Leaders' Training. Currently she serves as local president and district Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations. She serves on Conference and District Boards as well as Chair of her own Administrative Board, member of the choir and teacher of Bible studies. Pat is also active in community work (at St. Mark's Community Center) and volunteer work at Botanical Gardens and "Wheels That Care". She is married to Earl Cobb and they have four children and seven grandchildren.

AUDREY MILO

Audrey Rosser Milo is the widow of Rev. Howard Milo and has 2 children and 5 grandchildren. She has been a district and conference officer of UMW, a retreat leader, song/worship leader and speaker across the La. Conference. She has led studies in Central Texas and South Georgia Conferences and made presentations in South Atlantic and Pacific Regional Schools of Mission. Last quadrennium the Women's Division appointed her to be a United Nations Interpreter from the Nashville Region. She has served on the Executive Council of Church Women United in the USA and has been President of Church Women United in La. from 1988 to 1992. She is an Elementary School Counselor in Lafayette and an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

LUEBURDA MYERS

Lueburda Jamison Myers is a native of Napoleonville, La. She received a B.S. from Grambling, a master's from Northwestern State University and additional study from Columbia University, Centenary College, La. Tech, LSUS & SUS. She is presently serving as Secretary to the Core Planning Group of South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women. Lueburda has served in many capacities in UMW, as Conference Secretary of Program Resources, as Jurisdiction Literature Secretary and in leadership training. She also has served on several conference and district boards of the church, as well as being actively involved in her local church. Lueburda contributes much of her time to community and civic service and has been honored many times in her work in the educational field. She and her husband, Kenneth, have two sons and two grandchildren.

Karen and Sebastine Ujereh were commissioned missionaries in the spring of 1990. They are from the Bethany United Methodist Church in New Orleans. They attended the Annual Conference in June 1990 and Karen attended the School of Christian Mission that July. The following letter is addressed to the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.

14th November, 1991

GREETING FROM THE UJEREHS

Monday, 23rd September, 1991
Looting, pillaging, shooting in Kinshasa. Total unrest, the city under seige. Soldiers and civilians on the rampage. Airport captured, planes grounded and some destroyed. Calm and quiet in Lubumbashi some 2,000 km. away.

Tuesday, 24th September, 1991 Lubumbashi
Shootings downtown, people stampede down the streets, all running in the same direction, vehicles speeding also in the same direction, sheer panic. No one knowing what is happening. The average Zairois thinking the inevitable has happened, "La guerre a commence'."
The telephone rings in the treasury office, the Consular General has called a meeting of the American community, send two representatives. "What time?" "Now." I rush to the meeting along with Nash Vickers, the North Shaba Field Treasurer. As we wait for more people to arrive, we never expected to hear what we were told. "Leave Zaire as soon as possible. We do not advise travel by road, you can make private arrangements with 2 airlines and fly out. Do not count on the American government evacuating you." These were the words of the Acting Consular General, Lucy.

Wednesday, 25th September, 1991 Lubumbashi
Unnatural quiet, no one moving, streets deserted, unsure of what to do. Schools closed, some businesses and shops opened. We go to the treasury office, everyone solemn, as if someone had died. Decisions must be made, what are we going to do?
Consult Bishop Katembo, the situation still not clear. Missionaries in North Shaba out, but Southern Zaire missionaries trapped due to looting and shooting by soldiers in surrounding towns. Three families decide to remain behind while all others are to leave, some by air, others by road.

Thursday, 26th September, 1991
All missionaries ordered out by Bishop Katembo.

We intend to return to Zaire when it is safe. At this time we have no idea when that will be.

We are appealing to you to assist us in our work. There are no donations considered too small. Any amount you can give will be accepted with gratitude. We are still in need of covenant relationships for salary support. You can also send funds through your Conference Treasurer as donations to Zaire General in our names, also specifying what the funds should be used for.

Our number for salary support is #010917.

Mailing Address in Zambia: Sebastine and Karen Ujereh
United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 22037
Kitwe, Zambia

We love to hear from you. Pray for us, and with us for Peace in the World.

Peace,
Sebastine and Karen

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

KATHY SHEA
Chairperson, Committee

Kathryn R. Shea was born in Syracuse, N.Y., raised in Rhode Island, joined the US Navy which brought her to La. in 1955. She is the widow of an Air Force Sgt. She has a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren. She retired as an Accounting Technician after 32 years with the Federal Government and has been very busy as a volunteer ever since. She teaches third and fourth graders in Sunday School and has been active in her church as well as the local UMW unit. She served as District Secretary and Secretary of Financial Interpretation. At the Annual Meeting, Kathy was elected Chairperson of the Conference Committee on Nominations.

LOIS HEATH

Lois Heath, wife of Daniel L. Heath has one son and is a member of St. Mark UM Church in Baton Rouge. She is a graduate of Southern University and did further study at Atlanta University and Southeastern. Lois served as Conference Secretary of Program Resources and is one of three newly elected members to the conference Committee on Nominations. She is also serving as Assistant Dean of the School of Christian Mission. Lois is also very active in her local church and on the district level. She is a Counselor and Assistant Professor at Southern University. Lois is a Certified Lay Speaker and Worship Leader and was recently elected Layperson of the Year by her church.

SUSANNA ROSE

Susanna S. Rose was born in Morehouse Parish Bastrop. She is a graduate of Grambling State Univ. and did further study at Northeast La. Univ. She is retired from teaching in the area of Elementary Education. Susanna is a member of Mt. Olive U.M. Church in Bastrop and is very active in her local church, singing in the choir, financial secretary, teaching church school, and coordinator of Christian Personhood. She has served in district and conference UMW and is presently serving as chairman of the Committee on Nominations for Morehouse Parish Church Women United. Susanna also works as a volunteer in American Red Cross, Easter Seal Drive, and Literacy Programs. She is the widow of Charles Rose, Jr.

The third newly elected member of the Nominating Committee is Barbara Hamilton of New Orleans.

SALLY M. NASH

Sally M. Nash is the newly elected Conference Secretary of Program Resources. She is a member of St. James U. M. Church, Shreveport where she sings in the choir, serves as chairperson of Christian Education, lay member to annual conference and Christian Social Involvement Chairperson for the U.M.W. Sally received her B.S. from Wiley College and her Masters from La. Tech University. She is a guidance counselor in Caddo Parish and very active in fields of education. She is married and has three children.

The Committee on Nominations will hold its first meeting during the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting at Tall Timbers, February 7-8. At that time all the Conference vacancies will be identified and our work will be cut out for us. If you have not already completed a Talent Bank Form and are interested in the challenging and fulfilling experience of being a conference officer, please do so. You may send it to me or any of the other members of the committee. We need you, so let us hear from you. We may not be able to put you to work the first time for there are only so many vacancies and also guidelines to be followed, but your form will be on file for the future.

It could be scary to be a member of the Conference Committee on Nominations. Even more so to be its chairperson. However, as is always the case in UMW, each elected leader (which includes each member of this committee) is given an excellent opportunity for training. So, even though the committee is responsible for furnishing a slate of officers each fall to maintain our effective leadership, we have had assistance in understanding our job and help is always readily available if needed. The BIG PLUS is that the Lord is with us.

There will be three very important words used in all the proceedings of the Nominating Committee this year. These are INCLUSIVENESS, TERM and TENURE. The records of the Committee have been reviewed and brought up to date so that strict adherence may be made to these three items.

What do these words mean? TENURE is the **specified total length of time** an elected leader may serve in an office. The **Constitution and Bylaws Handbook,** Article V, Section 2, put out by the Women's Division (and available to all) clearly explains tenure. TERM is the **specified time** for which a person is elected to an office. The **Standing Rules** of our conference state that officers shall be elected for a two year term. The Committee on Nominations is an exception. The Women's Division has issued this statement on INCLUSIVENESS which is to be used at every level of our organizational life. "It is imperative that the conference leadership reflect the diversity of women throughout the church. Elements of this diversity are race, marital status, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, employment and non-employment, age and membership in former denominational women's organizations".

Regarding the exception of the Nominating Committee. The term of office has been three years but the By-Laws of the Women's Division have been changed. Beginning with our election in September, the members of the Nominating committee will begin to serve four year terms and the Chairperson will serve a two year term. Women's Division has given us a transition schedule to follow and it should work very smoothly so that by 1994 all members of the committee will be elected to a four year term. Yes, the Committee on Nominations has its work cut out for it.

DID YOU KNOW?

A bit of the History of Christian Social Involvement

Christian Social Involvement was formed from the Women's Society of World Service of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. From the Methodist connection, they made this area of Christian responsibility as much of a consideration as they did other areas because of its importance.

In 1940, the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild came into being. The Secretary of Christian Social Relations and local church was part of the membership of this new organization of women organized for mission. Involvement in Christian social action has been, and continues to be, a major emphasis in the United Methodist Church.

The Christian Social Involvement Coordinators responsibilities are:

1. To develop a clear and achievable plan of action.
2. To educate and resource the local unit on current national and international issues, in coordination with the other three (3) mission coordinators.
3. To work with the local unit to interpret the position of the church by studying the "Social Principle" of the United Methodist Church. The Book of Resolutions is also another resource for interpretation.
4. To monitor and implement the New Charter for Racial Justice Policies, by working closely with the president and mission team or task force in their local unit.
5. To develop an Impact network, and to work with district team.
6. To interpret to local units the social programs and policies of the women's division.
7. To provide opportunities for women to work together irrespective of age, economic, ethnic and racial differences.

More now than ever before we need to be aware. Our areas range from the Crisis with Children to the teachings of hatred, racism, etc., stemming from past and recent campaigns (David Duke). We know that being aware allows us to adequately confront and approach local, state and national legislative officials. They are to work in our best interests. Are they working in our best interests? Unemployment is at its lowest level. Racism and hate crimes are on the rise. Children are among the poorest people in our country, the United States of America, which is supposed to be the wealthiest country in the world.

Why Advocate for Children?

Children don't vote, write letters, or make campaign contributions. They have no political, economic, or lobbying power of their own. They depend on adults—like United Methodist Women—to be their advocates and inform elected officials about their needs and concerns.

Make your voice heard on Capitol Hill. Visits, calls, and letters are all very effective means of communicating your message to elected officials. Write as follows:

Your Senators:
The Honorable _____
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Your Representative:
The Honorable _____
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

You can contact your senators or representative through the congressional switchboard at: (202) 224-3121.

If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth.

I John 3:17-18

Submitted by,

Mrs. Geneva J. Bell
Christian Social Involvement Coordinator

I hope by now all of you have started your studies for 1991-92. Remember, you can go back 3 years to pick up a study that will be interesting to your group. It would be useful to contact your district Christian Global Concerns Coordinator and secure an application form which will list the studies, and also the criteria for the certificate of Excellence and Participation for the studies. The coordinator will also have a list of suggestions for actions after the studies are completed.

If you do not have a Prayer Calendar, it will be worthwhile to get one for lists of projects, addresses, list of missionaries and their addresses. Don't forget your mission ribbon and send one to a missionary on **your** birthday. Check with your local treasurer for the ribbon and the Prayer Calendar for a missionary.

Love, Joy & Peace
Mary Pollard
Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns

MEMBERSHIP

Creative and dynamic strategies are needed to increase and cultivate membership in UMW. It might be helpful for units across the conference to review program suggestions that were given in an article by Maxine West of the Women's Division. Excerpts are as follows:

Members participate in many ways:

- Attending circles or subgroups, and regularly scheduled general meetings;
- Supporting local and global mission through study, participation and financial giving;
- Joining in meaningful community activities;
- Accepting leadership responsibility;
- Participating in programs, events, and projects focusing on the needs and concerns of women and children;
- Advocacy and support for social justice issues;
- Using the *Prayer Calendar*, reading *Response* magazine and participating in the reading program.

If a woman fulfills any one or more of the above membership requirements, she belongs to United Methodist Women and needs to be counted among the membership of the unit.

Not everyone is able to participate in all of the activities of a United Methodist Women unit, although the more the better, of course. Often, mothers with young children or elderly women with no means of transportation may find it difficult to attend meetings. But there are other ways for them to take part in United Methodist Women. Each local unit needs to be sure that all women in their church have the opportunity to participate if they want to. Who knows, the women who have been praying for a unit over the years might be the very ones the unit has failed to stay in touch with.

Be creative. Consider what is needed and will work in your church. Let's spread the word of "The Greatest Show on Earth," The United Methodist Women organization. Bring in the young, working, retired and all who might be interested. Don't wait for them to ask you about UMW. Spread the Word.

Marilyn Ray
Chairperson, Committee on Membership

The 1992 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering given by United Methodist Women will provide funds for a variety of current needs, focusing on girls and women, at these institutions, including:

- scholarships for special situations, such as:
  - persons preparing for church-related vocations
  - low-income students
  - women doing theological study
- curriculum enrichment, such as:
  - special workshops and seminars
  - nontraditional studies (functional education, literacy, etc.)
  - student-initiated educational programming
  - vocational training
- faculty enrichment

INFORMATION FOR JURISDICTION MEETING

Registration: Registration fee is $25.00 if received before the February 1st deadline, $30.00 after February 1, pending availability of space. Each person attending must fill out a registration form. When you have made the determination of roommates, please send registration form(s) and check(s) in one envelope. As soon as possible after registration(s) are received, a card(s) will be sent to contact person with other important information. This card is to be retained and presented at the Quadrennial Registration Desk for packet and nametag. Transfer of registration and accommodation fees will be accepted upon notification of the Registrar.

What to bring?: A Bible, New United Methodist Hymnal and a small toy animal. Each person will return home with a toy animal (one that they did not bring) to be given away to a child in a hospital, church nursery, or wherever they choose.

Shuttle Service, Cab & Hostesses: You will be met at the DFW (Dallas-Fort Worth) or Love Field Airport by greeters wearing white shirts, denim skirts and kerchiefs who will direct you to ground transportation. Shuttle service from DFW is approximately $10.50 with cab fares approximatly $29.00 plus $1.00 for each additional passenger. Cab fares from Love Field are approximately $10.00 plus $1.00 for each additional passenger.

Accommodations: Meeting site is the Fairmont Hotel, located in the heart of downtown Dallas, Texas, in the Arts District, about thirty minutes from Dallas/Fort Worth Airport and twenty minutes from Love Field Airport. The Fairmont is located at 1717 N. Akard, Dallas, TX 75201. Group rate for hotel parking is $6.00 per day. *The package rate includes room accommodations for two nights, the Friday evening reception, lunch on Saturday (served in the interest group), and the Saturday evening Banquet.* These are the *per person cost for the package. No refunds after March 1, 1992.*

Double Room—$142.00 per guest
Triple Room—$119.00 per guest (includes one roll-away)
Quad Room—$119.00 per guest (includes two roll-away)
Single Room—$211.00 per guest

Childcare: Limited childcare will be provided for children ages 3 months to 9 years at First United Methodist Church, 1928 Ross Avenue, located within walking distance of the Fairmont Hotel. Additional information will be sent to interested parents.

Optional Breakfasts: Saturday and Sunday mornings at $6.00 per person.
Saturday Morning Breakfast: World Federation of Methodist Women, including the sharing of reflections on the 8th Assembly in Singapore, July, 1991. Sunday Morning Breakfast: Dialogue with Women's Division Directors.

Optional Tours: There will be three tours offered concurrently on Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Participants will choose three in the order of preference and be assigned one tour. Chartered buses will leave the Fairmont Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. The cost will be $10.00 per person and includes supper.

Tour 1: *Bethlehem Center and Wesley-Rankin Community Center*-Both are United Methodist Community Centers offering daycare and a variety of other programs to help the families of the community become more stable, healthier citizens, with better educated children for a better quality of life. Supper will be at Wesley-Rankin.

Tour 2: *East Dallas Cooperative Parish*-Six United Methodist Churches formed this parish about ten years ago to answer various needs in the community. Each church houses one or more components offering daycare, health clinic, Asian and Hispanic ministries, Senior Citizen and Elder Power, Immigration assistance, language and tutorial, housing, job placement, clothing and food assistance. A Baptist church and a Presbyterian church joined the cooperative parish recently. Supper will be at First United Methodist Church.

Tour 3: *Southern Methodist University*-A tour of the campus with stops at Bridwell Library, Meadows Museum of Art and Perkins Chapel with supper on campus.

Interest Groups: There will be twelve interest groups offered concurrently Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. Participants will choose four in order of preference and be assigned two. Lunch will be served in Interest Group II.

1. "The body of Instrument, The Body as Stillness"-Bob Berky
2. "Foolosophies/Mask Making"-Doug Berky
3. "Financial Plainniing For Your Future"-Mary Peterson
4. "Creative Use of the New United Methodist Hymnal"-Raquel Martinez
5. "Working with Clergy-How to Involve Your Pastor in United Methodist Women"-Hazel Steely
6. "The Working Poor"-Euba Harris-Winton
7. "Asian American Women Network"-Rey Valencia Schuman
8. "Las Colonias-Critical Needs of Women and Children"-Mary Silva
9. "Children's Health Issues"-Dr. Joycelyn Elders
10. "Caring for God's Earth"-Betty Jane Admussen
11. "Story Telling-Jazzing Up United Methodist Women's Meetings"-Moyna Hudgins
12. "When Hate Groups Come to Town"-Sharon Spurlin

Greetings for the New Year! As we enter the New Year, we begin to assess our past efforts and focus upon the future. We seek to convey the PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN through the endeavors that are planned by the MISSION TEAM. "There is one body and one spirit—just as you were called to one hope, when you were called—one Lord, one faith. . . One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. . . to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it." Each member of the mission team has designated tasks. One task is that of the Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations. Some of the responsibilities of that office are: To consult with the Conference Mission Team and work with it in promoting program and activities in the Conference; establish contact with newspapers, radio and TV stations within the conference; be in touch with the conference news editor or committee on communication; cooperate with editor of the newsletter; provide training to help districts develop skills in communication and in publicity; interpret PURPOSE and program of United Methodist Women through displays and audiovisuals at annual meeting and other conference events. And sreve on the following committees: Executive, Program, Finance and Membership.

Fannie P. Reddix
Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations

QUADRENNIAL REGISTRATION FORM (continued from other side)

Package Rate Room Accommodations: *Includes room accommodations for two nights, the Friday evening reception, Lunch on Saturday (served in Interest Group), and the Saturday evening Banquet. These rates are per person cost for the package.* Please check the one you prefer.

☐ Double Room-$142.00 per guest
☐ Triple Room—$119.00 per guest (includes one roll-away)
☐ Quad Room—$119.00 per guest (includes two roll-away)
☐ Single Room—$211.00 per guest

Roommate(s) (please list each person): _____

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Contact Person (to receive confirmation and additional information to pass on): _____

Smoking ☐ Non-Smoking ☐

Fees Enclosed:
(Amount checked above.
Total amount due with registration) $_____

Optional Tour & Supper
Friday, April 3, 2:30 p.m. ($10.00) $_____

Optional Breakfast
Saturday Morning, April 4 ($6.00) $_____

Optional Breakfast
Sunday Morning, April 5 ($6.00) $_____

Local attendees Meal Package (*Includes Friday evening reception, Saturday Lunch (served during Interest Group) and Saturday evening Banquet-Total Package $47.00)* $_____

Registration Fee:
$25.00 (Increases to $30.00 after February 1) $_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: No refunds after March 1, 1992 $_____

Make checks payable to **South Central Jurisdiction, United Methodist Women.** Each person attending must submit a registration form. Contact person should mail registration form(s) and check(s) to Registrar: Marilyn J. Bolinger, 4040 Flintridge Drive, Dallas, Tx 75244, (214) 243-4817

For those arriving early or staying after contracted dates: You must make your own arrangements for the extra nights with the Fairmont Hotel 214-720-2020 - FAX 214-720-5269 - Texas residents 1-800-874-3006 - outside of Texas 1-800-527-4727. Double Room: $95.00 Triple Room: $115.00 Quad Room: $135.00 Single Room: $85.00

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Conference Mission Team is scheduled to be held at the Tall Timbers Conference Center on February 7th and 8th. Registration will begin at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon and the meeting will close following lunch on Saturday. The conference elected officers, the appointed leadership and the conference Committee on Nominations are scheduled to be present for this meeting.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

THE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION COMMITTEE is scheduled to meet at 3 o'clock on Friday, February 7th, at Tall Timbers, prior to the Mid-Year meeting. This meeting had to be rescheduled after the November meeting had to be cancelled. Betty Ferrington, Dean, is the chairperson, with Lois Heath as assistant chairperson.

BELATED RECOGNITION

JOYCE REED completed two years as conference historian and asked to be replaced as she is the president-elect of the Louisiana Church Women United.

She should have received recognition with the other retiring officers at the Annual Meeting in Sulphur. . .but as an appointed officer this somehow slipped by us. Belatedly she was sent a Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate.

Joyce has been most faithful in her attendance at all meetings and has done a fine job with the conference scrapbook and historical files. We do appreciate all she has done and we wish her well in her new office with Church Women United. She will continue to be an active member of United Methodist Women.

My apologies to Joyce.

Norma S. Winegeart
Conference President

REGISTRATION FORM
FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION
QUADRENNIAL MEETING
April 3, 4, 5, 1992 - Dallas, Texas

(Complete both sides of this form and return to Registrar with appropriate Fees)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 1992
Upon notification of Registrar transfer of registration and fees will be accepted anytime.
NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER MARCH 1, 1992.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State Zip _____

Are you attending as e: ☐ Delegate? ☐ Visitor? ☐ CPG Nominee?
☐ Women's Division Nominee? ☐ Staff? ☐ Resource person?
☐ Delegate to Generel and/or Jurisdiction Conference?
☐ Other? (Please Specify) _____
Local ettendee? ☐Yes ☐No Conference: _____

Are you traveling by air? ☐ Arriving at DFW? ☐ or Love Field? ☐

Car? ☐ Charter Bus? ☐ Van? ☐ Dete & ETA _____

Date and estimated time of departure: _____

Special Health needs? _____

In case of emergency contact: _____

Home Phone: ( ) _____

Work Phone: ( ) _____

Childcare needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No (Interested perents will be sent info.)

Iames & Birthdates: _____

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In order of preference list the four interest group numbers you prefer:

1st_____ 2nd_____ 3rd_____ 4th_____

In order of preference list the tour number you prefer: (Tours leave the Fairmont at 2:30 p.m., Friday, Aprll 3.)
Cost $10.00 per person - includes supper.

1st_____ 2nd_____ 3rd_____

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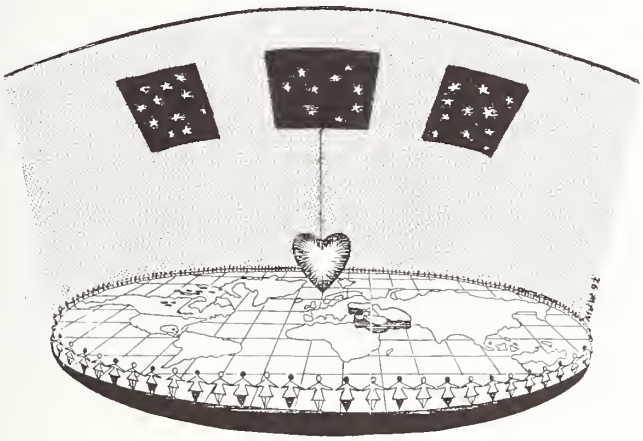
"Glimpses of God"



Churches in Solidarity with Women • Amos • The Middle East

Betty Ferrington
Dean

Lois Heath
Assistant Dean

1992 School of Christian Mission

July 23 -26

"Glimpses of God"

It's that time again! School of Christian Mission in Shreveport at Centenary College. So many plans have been made, much preparation has been done and now we wait for you to join us in mission study, spiritual growth, leadership development and fellowship.

Two new features have been added to this year's school. A workshop for Leaders of the Children's Study will be available and a workshop for Leaders of District Mini Schools will be offered. We are hopeful that these will enhance the studies as they are offered throughout the Conference.

The studies this year, as always, are right on target and a very capable group of leaders are ready to present them. We anticipate that you will catch Glimpses of God as you explore the words of the prophet Amos, the peoples of the Middle East and the Church in solidarity with women.

Lois and I are looking forward to the Glimpses of God in all your wonderful faces as you arrive early enough to register and settle in before the opening session of the 1992 School of Christian Mission.

Betty Ferrington
Dean

THEME: GLIMPSES OF GOD

Often through the lives and leadership of common women and men God addressed the powerful, calling us from complacent self - indulgence to a renewed commitment to justice, love and peace. How do the relationships among people in the Middle East lead to a fuller understanding of the implications of living in an interdependent world community? How do institutions such as the church, model justice for all, affirming God's intention that every person is precious and has gifts to develop and share - women as well as men, both girls and boys? How does the church view its structures and practices to allow full participations of women? How does it speak to these concerns in the wider social, economic, political institutions of our day? What signs of hope do we see? By looking through three windows-Amos the prophet, persons in the Middle East and women around the globe - we catch glimpses of a God who cares for all and uses all in surprising ways. Sometimes in these windows we see shadowy reflections of ourselves and discover again in new ways God's expectation that we will join in the ongoing task of creating a just society

TEXTS FOR 1992:

Amos: Window To God by Dow Kirkpatrick

The focus of this study of Amos is personal spirituality.Central to this focus is the nature of God and justice issues within the social, cultural and political context. Participants begin the study by identifying the "windows" (perspectives) from which the Bible is viewed. The author then guides us to identify Amos' "window" in order to view the God Amos knows. Finally, the prophet Amos helps us view our world from the perspective of the oppressed -- by those who suffer the pain of poverty and injustice, an unfamiliar experience for most of us.

Angle of Vision: Christians and the Middle East. by Charles A. Kimball.

From The Beginning: Resources and Study guides to the Middle East by Betty Jane Bailey.

A refreshing perspective on a region often perceived only as a problem to Christians. We learn about Christians in the Middle East and also the causes of conflict there. We grow when we meet, live with and respect these neighbors of different faiths.

We Belong Together: by Sarah Cunningham.

Ours The Journey: Study Guide to the Churches in Solidarity With Women, by Barbara Horner-Ibler.

The text is a collection of articles that ask men and women to reconsider how we read and hear the Scriptures. It asks us to deal with a tradition that has often harmed women, to open our worship in word and space to everyone and to welcome a mission that transforms our closest relationships and fulfills God's promise of an inclusive community.

Children's Study

The Great Parade: Learning About Women, Justice and the Church With Children's Activity Pages and Teacher's Guide by Carol A. Wehrheim.

This six-session course for children in first through sixth grades explores what it means that everyone is created in the image of God and brings gifts to the community. Special projects teach about women who have led the way in the struggle for justice, peace and value creating. Includes teacher's guide, stories, songs and reproducible activity pages for use in class and at home.

More About School

Learning Center - The Learning Center in the South Cafeteria is a part of the School of Christian Mission that you will not want to miss. The area includes displays by each district and some Conference officers. Each study for the school will have three different displays showing how you can introduce the studies in your local unit. Coordinating the center will be Fannie Reddix.

Resource Room - The Resource Room will be stocked with the materials you will need for participation in each of the studies. Also available will be plenty of free and inexpensive materials that will help you and your unit. Visit the Resource Room 9 A.M. until Noon on Thursday and at times posted for the other days. A special invitation is extended by our new Secretary of Program Resources, Sally Nash.

Meditation Room - It is possible that you will need a quiet place to re-focus during these four days. The Meditation Room in James Dormitory is just that kind of place. You may stop in at any time to sit quietly or browse through the meditation helps available.

Table Graces - Celina Johnson, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood, has asked three of the Districts to prepare prayer cards for each of the tables in the dining hall. You are encouraged to use them as you come to dine.

Audio Visuals - Mary Pollard, Geneva Bell and Evelyn Evans will share with you the audio visuals that pertain to this year's studies. You will want to check the schedule upon arrival as they will be shown all morning. You will have opportunity to view the AV's for your chosen study during class time.

Offering - The offering taken at School will be given un-designated for Ministries with Women in the Middle East.

Fellowship Night - Will it be a night of mystery and intrigue? A night of fun and frivolity? A night featuring Middle East culture? Whatever the theme you will not want to miss this chance to be together in fun and fellowship. Many Quinones is making plans and will be looking for you.

BRING YOUR COFFEE MUGS!

In order to be responsible citizens that do not trash the environment, we are asking that you bring your own coffee mug. Coffee will be provided in the dormitories but YOU WILL NEED YOUR OWN MUG.

FIRST TIMERS

Anyone who is attending School of Christian Mission for the very first time is asked to meet with Betty Ferrington and Lois Heath in the Student Union at 11:00 a.m. Thursday to get acquainted and for a short orientation session.

About the "Logo" on the cover-

The inspiration for the design came from learning about the ancient Hebrew understanding of the cosmos-that the earth was a flat disc-under the disc was Sheol (a place of nothingness)-above the disc (the sky) was a dome with windows that opened periodically to let the rain through.

The design is appropriate because of the two studies-The Middle East-where Israel is and was also the home of the Hebrew people and Amos who was Hebrew.

The flat disc represents the world with the world map. The Middle East is elevated to give it emphasis.

The heart represents the "plumb bob" symbolic of God giving instruction to Amos, the love of God, and our call as United Methodist Women "from complacent self-indulgence to a renewed commitment to justice, love and peace.

The three windows represent the three studies through which we may catch glimpses of God and sometimes see shadowy reflections of ourselves being called to discover ways God wants us to"join in the ongoing task of creating a just society."

The women holding hands around the disc represent women around the globe in solidarity. (designed by Marty Williams of Danville, Arkansas)

SCHEDULE - SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1992

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Registration - James Dormitory AV's, Learning Center, Resource Room
11:00 - 12:00 Noon	First Timers
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 P.M.	Gathering For All - Chapel
2:00 - 4:30 P.M.	Class W/15 Minute Break
4:45 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center, Resource Room
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Bible Study W/10 Minute Break

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 1992

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Meditation Time With Roommates
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Class
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	Learning Center, Resource Room
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.	N.A.P. (No Activity Planned)
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.	Gathering for All - Chapel (Includes Officer Up-date)
3:45 - 5:00 P.M.	Bible Study
5:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center, Resource Room
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Bible Study
9:00 P.M.	Fellowship

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1992

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Meditation Time With Roommates
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Class
11:30 - 12:00 Noon	Learning Center, Resource Room
12:00 - 1:00 P.M.	Lunch
12:45 - 1:45 P.M.	Workshops (Leaders of Children's Study and Leaders of District Mini-Schools)
1:00 - 2:00 P.M.	N.A.P. (for those not attending Workshops)
2:00 - 3:30 P.M.	Gathering For All - Chapel (Includes Officer Up-date)
3:45 - 5:00 P.M.	Bible Study
5:00 - 5:30 P.M.	Learning Center, Resource Room (Closed after 5:30 P.M.)
5:30 - 6:30 P.M.	Supper
6:45 - 8:45 P.M.	Bible Study
9:00 P.M.	School Committee - Cafeteria

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1992

7:10 - 7:20 A.M.	Meditation Time With Roommates
7:30 - 8:30 A.M.	Breakfast
9:00 - 10:15 A.M.	Class
10:30 - 11:30 A.M.	Closing - Chapel (No Lunch)

Josephine Smith
Song Leader

Jerry Cook
Pianist

HOUSING - MEALS - FEES

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. If we exceed 266, Cline Dormitory will be used. The dorms will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. **Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space.** All rooms have two single beds with an adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice of a roommate.

BRING bed linens, pillow, **BLANKET,** towels, etc. You will also need clothes hangers and **A CUP FOR MORNING COFFEE.** The rooms have phone jacks, so if you would like, bring a telephone. Air conditioning often makes the classroms cold so **do bring a sweater.** Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear and a tote bag should complete the list.

If you have special need because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATIONS YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms.

All who stay on campus **must** purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with the policy of Centenary College. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. Meal prices are: Breakfast $3.50, Lunch $4.00 and Supper $4.50 Because of the cafeteria arrangement for preparing and serving food.

SPECIAL DIETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

Also in accordance with the policies of Centenary College is the rule that **THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING WITHIN THE DORMITORIES OR ANY OTHER BUILDING ON CAMPUS.**

Anyone, not a member of the School Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to carpool **SHALL PAY $12.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS AS YOU GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE.**

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS WILL BE:

James Dormitory
P.O. Box 41188 - Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: (318) 869-5313

HOUSING AND MEAL FEES

(To be paid upon arrival at School)

Meals . . . . . (9 meals) $36.00
Housing . . . . . (3 nights) $36.00

AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . . . . .

Coordinating the music for this year's School are Josephine Smith and Jerry Smith Cook. They are sisters and the daughters of Mrs. Mattie Smith and the late Rev. Edgar Smith.

Josephine, who will be directing us in song, is a graduate of Southern University with a degree in Vocal Music Education and a Masters in Elementary Education. She has worked fourteen years as a Vocal Music Teacher and is now a teacher of second graders in Iberville Parish. Josephine is a member of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, a member of and soloist for the Chancel Chior, a member of United Methodist Women, a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Choir Director.

Jerry, who will be the pianist for School, is a graduate of Southern University in Music Education and is certified in Elementary Education. She did further study at Louisiana State University, Northeast State University, Northwestern State University and Dillard University. She has a Masters and 30+ in Elementary Education. Jerry is an active member of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church where she serves as Pianist, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher and is a member of United Methodist Women. She is employed by the Concordia Parish School System. **AND THE BEAT GOES ON . . .**

INTRODUCING 1992 SCHOOL

CHURCHES IN SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN

CHERYL GILLESPIE

Cheryl Gillespie was born in Houston, Texas but moved to Shreveport at an early age. She is a graduate of Centenary College and earned her M.A. in Speech Pathology and Deaf Education from Indiana University. She has taught deaf and multi-handicapped children and is presently Director of Children's Ministries at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport where she has been a member for 17 years. She works with children's choirs, Sunday School Classes and is presently teaching the Disciple Bible Study. Cheryl is a District U.M.W. officer as well as a local member. She is married to Dr. James Gillespie, principal of an elementary school and they are parents of a son, Patrick and a daughter, Emily.

ROGER LATHAN

Roger Lathan was born in New Orleans and reared in Baton Rouge. He received his B.A. from Bishop College and M.Th. from Perkins School of Theology. He has completed many hours in Clinical Pastoral Education and has served as counselor for suicide prevention centers. Roger has been very active in community agencies. He has served churches in Dallas, Terrell, Rosser, Texas and in Baldwin, Morgan City, Alexandria, and New Orleans. Roger served as Director of Special Ministries and, presently, is Associate Director for the La. Conference Council on Ministries. He has served on many Boards and Agencies in the conference. Roger is married to the former Sedonia Phillips.

GRACE L. JOHNSON

Grace Leavings Johnson was born in Donaldsonville, La. and has been a resident of New Orleans for most of her life. She is a poetess, teacher, and activist in civic, social, community, and church work. As a member of Bethany United Methodist Church, she has served as chairperson of the Council on Ministries, assistant lay leader, choir member, member of the worship committee, U.M.W., and substitute teacher in the church school.

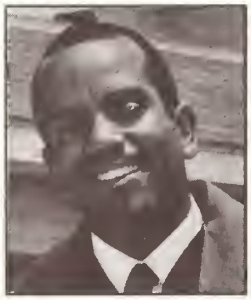
HARRIET WILLIAMS

Harriet Williams has taught in Schools of Christian Missions throughout the south eastern jurisdiction. Her undergraduate work was done at Florence State College and special studies on public relations at the University of Alabama. Harriet served as conference president of United Methodist Women and is presently serving on the General Council on Finance and Administration. She was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Kenya and has been reserve delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Harriet has been active in local and state advocacy programs for women and children. She and her husband, Dale, have two daughters and a grandson. They are members of Hueytown First United Methodist Church where Harriet has been a life-long member.

AMOS

MARY SLOAN BAUGH

Mary Sloan Baugh (no picture available) was born in St. Louis, Missouri and received her B.A. degree from the University of Missouri. She has received further education in her Master of Divinity work from New Orleans Baptist, Perkins School of Theology and Eden Theological Seminary. She is presently serving as the pastor of Genesis United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Mary was ordained a deacon in 1983 and received her elder's orders in 1991. She has also served as a campus minister. Mary has visited in six West African countries, as well as France, Mexico, and Canada. She enjoys traveling, meeting people, music, camping and reading. Mary is married to Matthew William Baugh.



RANDALL CAMPBELL

Randall E. Campbell is the pastor at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. He is a graduate of Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee and did his Master of Divinity work at Iliff School of Theology in Denver. Randall serves on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry as well as the Baton Rouge District Council on ministries. He is his district's representative for GROWTH PLUS, a new program for evangelism, mission and ministry in and beyond the local church. Randall also serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Federation of Churches and Synogogues.

OF CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

THE MIDDLE EAST

MARGARET BRYAN

Margaret Smith Bryan is a native of Shreveport and received her education at Byrd High, her B.A. at Northwestern University and a Master of Arts at the University of Southern California. She taught in schools in Shreveport and Springhill for 22 years and also taught one year in South America. Margaret has been very active in several civic clubs and is very talented in the field of art and poetry. She has held many offices in her local church, First United Methodist Church of Shreveport, as well as the conference United Methodist Women. At present, she is President of her local unit. Margaret has taught in our School before and we welcome her back.

LOTTIE PALAZZO

Lottie Palazzo is a native of New Orleans. She lived in Mobile, Dallas and Hawaii and is presently a resident of Metairie. Lottie has been married to A.J. (Pete) Palazzo for 47 years and they have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Lottie recently retired as church secretary. She has held various offices in local, district and conference United Methodist Women and also served as Dean of the conference School of Chrisitian Mission. Her hobbies include counted cross-stitch, reading, walking, singing, and baby-sitting.

PAUL PERRY

Paul Perry, a pastor in the Southwest Texas Conference, is an educator, travelor, and student of Middle East affairs. He was educated at Southwestern University, Northwestern Univ., Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Southern Methodist University. He is married and the father of two grown children. Paul is pastor of First U.M.C. in Rockport, Texas. He chairs his conference's Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. Paul was a delegate to the World Council of Churches in Australia and has made several trips to the Middle East. He has taught in many Schools of Christian Mission.

LEORA TRICE

Leora Trice is a native of Dallas, Texas and a graduate of Southern Methodist Univ. She did graduate work in political science at L.S.U. She has taught in our School as well as several other conferences. She shared with her husband, the late Dr. William E. Trice, An interest of the history of Methodism. Last year, Leora attended the World Methodist Conference in Singapore. 'She serves her local church as lay leader and is vice-president of Wesley-Rankin, a community center in Dallas. Leora is the mother of two daughters.

AMOS

ESTER HAMMOND

Ester Hammond was born in Downsville, La. and is an elder in the La. conference serving the Fitzgerald-Waldheim charge. She was educated at Southeastern Louisiana Univ. and Perkins School of Theology. She served in Liberia, West Africa for seven years, teaching at the Gbarnga School of Theology. She also served as the treasurer, registrar, and business manager for the seminary. She organized and conducted the choir. She has served churches in the La. and North Texas conferences and has taught in several Schools of Christian Mission. Ester is a widow with three sons, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Her hobbies include playing the piano, needlework and travel.

CAROLYN JOHNSON

Carolyn E. Johnson is the Senior Research Associate for the African American Studies and Research Center at Purdue Univ. She received her education at Indiana University and Purdue University. She has been active at all levels of the United Methodist Church and is presently serving as a director of the Women's Division and World Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. She has taught in all five regional schools and several conference ones. Carolyn is a member of the University Senate and a delegate to the 1992 General and Jurisdictional conference. She is the author of many articles and is active in several civic groups.

CALENDAR

April 25	- Finance Committee, David Haas UMC, Bunkie
May 1	- May Fellowship Day (Church Women United)
May 5-15	- General Conference, Louisville, KY
June 1-4	- Louisiana Annual Conference, Centenary College
June 17-21	- West Gulf Regional School, Baldwin, KS
July 13-16	- South Central Jurisdictional Meeting, Ft. Worth
July 21-22	- U.M.W. Conference Committees, Centenary College
July 23-26	- School of Christian Mission, Centenary College
August/Sept.	- Mini-Schools in each district
September 17	- U.M.W. Conference Executive Committee, Slidell
Sept. 18-19	- U.M.W. Annual Meeting, FUMC, Slidell
October 3	- Baton Rouge District Meeting, St. Andrew's UMC
	- Lake Charles District Meeting, University UMC
	- New Orleans District Meeting, St. Charles UMC
	- Ruston District Meeting, FUMC, Farmerville
October 4	- Alexandria District Meeting, Wilton UMC
	- North Shore District Meeting, Centenary UMC, Franklinton
October 10	- Acadiana District Meeting, Bayou Blue UMC
	- Monroe District Meeting, Memorial UMC, Monroe
October 11	- Shreveport District Meeting, FUMC, Bossier City
October 24	- DELT (District Elected Leaders Training), Wilton UMC, Alexandria
Oct./Nov.	- LELT (Local Elected Leaders Training) in each district
November 6	- World Community Day (Church Women United)
December 3-6	- NOTE (New Officer Training Event), New York City

1991 ANNUAL REPORT

Your local unit evaluation reports are compiled by your district presidents and then by the conference president, and sent to the Women's Division. We reported 12,025 members in 323 units, with a total giving of $351,673.37.

Some highlights from your reports:

238 - United Methodist Women's Day
214 - Pledge Service
207 - Call to Prayer and Self-Denial
185 - World Thank Offering
156 - Advent/Lent/Thanksgiving Services
151 - Program on The Purpose of UNW
137 - Membership emphasis
135 - Bible Study groups
129 - World Day of Prayer
111 - Program on Homeless children and youth
104 - Program on Campaign for Children

Actions and activities reported denote that you gave hands and feet in response to the programs and studies held . . . such as, child care, tutoring, visits and books to correctional institutions, caring for babies and adults with AIDS, and list goes on and on.

The commitment of the local woman is the life blood of our organization.

God Bless . . . . . Norma S. Winegeart, president
La. Conf. United Methodist Women

REQUEST FROM NEW UNIT

Dear U.M.W. Members/President:

As part of Louisiana's newest Methodist church, please help us as we begin our U.M.W. Take a moment to recall your favorite U.M.W. meeting, event, or mission project. Please share those ideas with us, along with any advice you want to pass along by writing a letter to us.

Mail it to: Northwood U.M.W.
c/o Evelyn Deich
101 Pontiac Road
Lafayette, LA
70501-7735

Thank you so much.
Keep us in your prayers!

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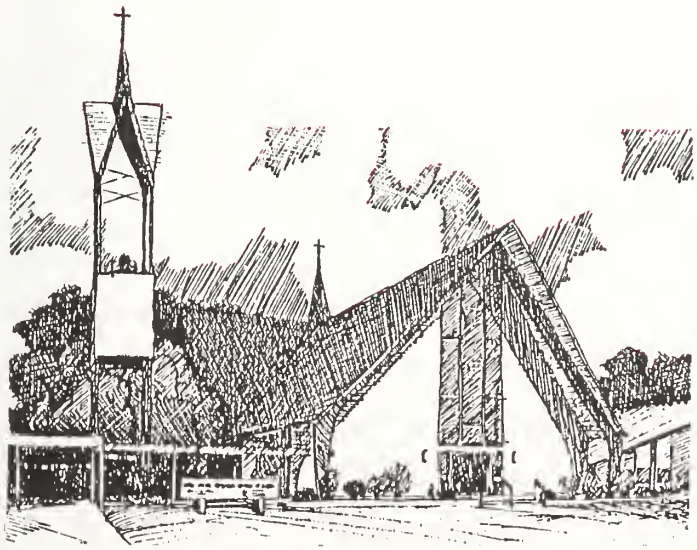
September 18-19, 1992
Theme: "Here Am I"



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
433 ERLANGER AVENUE
SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Slidell, Louisiana on Friday, September 18, 1992.

Conference President, Norma Winegeart will preside over the meeting. Reverend Joseph McClain, Pastor of the host church; Dorothy Pierce, president of the North Shore District; and Jan Randolph local president, will welcome participants as they gather for this yearly celebration of love in mission.

The chosen theme "Here Am I" gives each member the feel of complete surrender to the call of the purpose in mission. The God of Love calls each one of us to witness, and make mission work to brighten the world for others. The theme hymn "Here I Am, Lord" send me, heightens the submission to the response in missions.

Edith W. Ming, President Emeritus, of the World Federation of Methodist Women and wife of Bishop Donald G. Ming, A.M.E. Church will honor us with "Musical Interlude" on Friday evening and will address us on Saturday morning, Mrs. Ming has traveled extensively with her husband and has served as a missionary with the African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Africa and the Caribbean.

Celina T. Johnson is the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Gail Epperson is Chairperson of Local Arrangements, Jan Randolph is Co-Chairperson.

Northshore is the Ozone Belt known for its tall pine trees, clear air and pure water. There will not be a banquet but, the seafood speciality of the area can be obtained at nearby restaurants. Packets prepared with South Louisiana Tidbits of Celebration will also include places of interest. Northshore has spread out the Red Carpet for all who will come.

Celina T. Johnson
Chairperson
Annual Meeting Task Group

Gail Epperson
Assistant Chairperson

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Clinic Room

Call to Annual Meeting

Norma Winegeart
President

Edith W. Ming, President Emeritus of the World Federation of Methodist Women, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for our nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. The meeting will be held September 18-19, 1992 at the First United Methodist Church in Slidell.

The Annual meeting Task Group, under the leadership of Celina Johnson, is preparing an inspirational program. The assistant chairperson, Gail Epperson, is in charge of local arrangements. Other members of the task group are: Jan Randolph, local UMW president, Dot Pierce, North Shore District president, Norma S. Winegeart, Betty Carlin, Mary Spell, Evelyn Martin, Joyce Armstrong, and Hilda Sills. Details of the meeting may be found throughout this Newsletter.

Following the Conference Standing Rules this publication will list the nominees for elected leadership. Local units will be represented at the annual meeting of the conference organization on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership of each local unit will be determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory of the conference organization, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

The voting membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons: members of the executive committee, delegates from the local units, district elected offices, spouse of the resident bishop, and presidents of all predecessor organizations.

Each one registered is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until returning home. The insurance fee, cost of packets, and other general expenses are covered by the registration fee. Therefore, EVERYONE attending MUST pay the registration fee.

REGISTER NOW!!! Note that pre-registration fee will be $5.00; registration at the door will be $7.50. Pre-registration helps the task group to be prepared for you.

The suggestion that each unit provide a pair of shoes for a child is over and above/second mile giving. Please do not let this take the place of your mission candle offering!

Registration will be held on Friday morning and the meeting will convene at one o'clock. The local area women will provide a sandwich and cookie lunch on both Friday and Saturday at noon; and a continental breakfast on Saturday. No formal banquet has been planned for Friday evening...you will be on your own. We will return to the church for the evening session. EVERY LOCAL UNIT should have at least one person present. EVERY UNITED METHODIST WOMAN is responsible for her own registration and housing arrangements.

Please PRE-REGISTER NOW!!!
Hope to see you in Slidell!
Norma S. Winegeart, President

Committee On Nominations Changes

Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws have been made by the Women's Division regarding the Committee on Nominations on all levels-conference, district and local-effective with the fall of 1992 elections.

For all levels:

- Committee on Nominations must meet a minimum of two times a year.
- Committee on Nominations will have a rotating membership of ***four*** classes, rather than three. Each member will be elected for a ***four-year*** term.
- The chairperson will be elected for a ***two-year*** term.
- Only lay women may serve as elected leaders.

On the ***conference*** level, membership shall be 5-11 persons. District lines should not be used as a factor in determining representation.

Local unit committees will now have 4-6 members. The chairperson shall be elected by the unit for a term of two years during her four year term. While serving as a chairperson, she shall be a member of the executive committee.

Elections

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendation of nominees for office to be elected at the annual meeting in September 1992.

Nominated for re-election to another two year term.

Vice President:
Betty Carlin, (Mrs. Curtis) Route 2 Box 393, Anacoco, LA 71403
Secretary for Financial Interpretation:
Mary Quinones, (Mrs. Pas) 4904 Bissonet Drive, Metairie, LA 70003
Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement:
Geneva Bell, (Mrs. Clarence) 122 N. Bank ; Lake Charles, LA 70601
Mission Coordinator for Supportive Community:
Hilda Sills, (Mrs.) 4745 Overton Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122

Nominated for election to a two year term.

Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood:
Helen Allemond, (Mrs. A.W.) 1616 Laurel St; Plaquemine, LA 70764
Treasurer:
Kathryn Shea, (Mrs.) 300 Cleco Drive; Apt 101, Pineville, LA 71360
Chairperson, Committee On Nominations:
Barbara Hamilton, (Mrs.) 4742 Knight Drive, New Orleans, LA 70127

Nominated for election to Committee on Nominations for a three year term:

Almada Ledoux, Rt 2, Box 306, Rayne, LA 70578
Jane Deville, (Mrs.) 3344 Prescott Road; Alexandria, LA 71301

Nominated for election to Committee on Nominations for a four year term:

Inez Parker, (Mrs.) 110 John Wild Road; Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Kathryn Shea
Chairperson Committee on Nominations

Program

"Here Am I"
Friday Afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church, Slidell

Prelude ..... Margaret Campo
Convening of the 19th Annual Meeting ..... Norma Winegeart
Affirming Our Purpose (In Unison)
Welcome ..... Rev. Joseph McClain
Sam Caruso, Mayor of Slidell
Jan Randolph
Dot Pierce
Recognition of Visitors ..... Norma Winegeart
Presentation of Program ..... Celina T. Johnson
Gail Epperson
Lighting of the Mission Candle
Theme Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" ..... No. 593
Opening Worship ..... Rev Melissa Draper
Special Music ..... First United Methodist Church Choir
Business Session

BREAK

U.M.W. Sings ..... Ginny Burris & Tracey Ferrington
Greetings from the Jurisdiction
Projects Reports
Special Mission Project ..... Evelyn Martin & Hilda Sills
Honoring of Retiring Officers ..... Vera Packer

CLOSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION

Friday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

U.M.W. Sings ..... Ginny Burris & Tracey Ferrington
Evening Worship ..... Celina T. Johnson
Invocation ..... Rev Alonzo Campbell
Introduction of Special Guest ..... Betty Carlin
Interlude of Music ..... Mrs. Edith W. Ming
Benediction ..... Rev Alonzo Campbell

Saturday Morning, 8:30 a.m.

U.M.W. Sings ..... Ginny Burris & Tracey Ferrington
Memorial Service ..... Rev Marva Mitchell
Special Music ..... Hartzell/Mt Zion Inspirational Choir
Pledge Service ..... Mary Quinones
Report of Registration ..... Gail Epperson
Special Recognition
Missions ..... Norma Winegeart
Reading Program ..... Celina T. Johnson
Introduction of Speaker ..... Betty Carlin
Address ..... Edith W. Ming
Offertory ..... Mary Spell
Offertory Music ..... Brian Strain
Installation of Officers ..... Mary Lou Blakeman
Invitation to 1993 Annual Meeting
Announcements and Adjourning of Meeting

BREAK

Service of Holy Communion ..... Rev Joe McClain,
Rev. Cliff Wright, Rev. Alonzo Campbell, Rev. Marva Mitchell
Communion Meditation ..... Rev. William Peeples
Sending Forth ..... Rev. William Peeples

Housing Information

Headquarters Motel:

Holiday Inn
I-10 Service Road
Gause Blvd. (Exit 266)
Slidell, LA 70461

Telephone Number

(504) 643-9770

Room Rates:

$48.00 plus $4.92 tax (1,2,3 or 4 persons)

Other motels with rooms available:

Ramada Inn
798 East I-10 Service Road
Gause Blvd. (Exit 266)
(504) 643-9960
$48.00 plus 10.25% tax (1 or 2 persons)
$48.00 plus 10.25% tax (3 or 4 persons)

Reservations Deadline:

September 4, 1992

Tell the Reservations Clerk that you are with United Methodist Women!

Program

Edith W. Ming

Edith W. Ming is President Emeritus of the World Federation of Methodist Women. She was elected in Nairobi, Kenya, July 1986 and presided over the eighth assembly in Singapore, July 1991 where, after the election of her successor, she became President Emeritus, serving on its Executive Board. A native Pennsylvanian, she graduated with honors from Millcreek Township High School and attended Temple University Teacher's College, School of Music receiving the B.S. Degree and pursuing graduate studies.

Mrs Ming is in great demand as a speaker and as a Pianist, Vocalist, Organist, Conductor and Consultant for Music and mission seminars. She and her husband have traveled far and wide and have served in South Africa and the Caribbean.

She is a member of the Commission on Worship and Liturgy of The African Methodist Episcopal Church and made an invaluable contribution to the Bicentennial Hymn Book. She is also a member of Church Women United, The Executive Committee and Vice Chairperson of the Worship Committee of the World Methodist Council, NAACP, Association of University Women, National Council of Negro Women, African American Women's Agenda, Charter Member of The National Museum of Women in The Arts.

She is the wife of Bishop Donald George Kenneth Ming of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Ming is a member of The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is the recipient of the "Excellence with Courage" award from Edward Waters College, The Women's Missionary Award of Merit, and the prestigious Sarah Allen Award for exceptional leadership as an empowered woman and many others.

She serves the Lord with gladness and joy; for the joy of the Lord is her strength.

Vera Packer

The service of honoring the retiring officers will be conducted by Vera Packer. Vera has served on the conference level as Chairperson of Christian Personhood and the Nominating Committee. After serving many offices on the district level, she now serves on the North Shore District Nominating Committee. Vera is a Trustee on the Methodist Foundation Board and the Conference Center Board. She is a Financial Planner with IDS-American Express and is the wife of Willie J. Packer.

Rev. Marva Mitchell

The Rev. Marva Mitchell is pastor of Felicity United Methodist Church in New Orleans and Executive Director of Peoples Community Center. Her ministry began in 1985 following a 30 year career in the field of banking in California, where she served as a corporate officer. After returning to her native New Orleans, she responded to a call to the ministry in 1985. Marva is currently in her last year of course of study at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. She serves on several committees on conference and district levels. Mother of two sons and grandmother to three grandsons, her hobbies include organ, piano, antiques, and symphony. Marva will conduct the Memorial Service on Saturday.

Mary Lou Blakeman

Mary Lou Blakeman, born in Sulphur, Louisiana has received degrees from Centenary College and Louisiana State University in Shreveport. Graduate work was done at Perkins School of Theology. She is married to a United Methodist Minister and is the mother of three children. Mary Lou currently works as a School Psychologist in St. Tammany Parish. Among her many accomplishments is that of teacher in Conference and Regional Schools of Christian Mission. She will install the newly elected officers.

Personnel

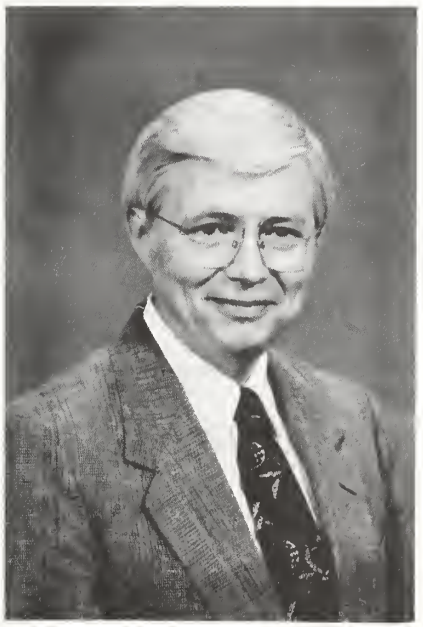
Celina T. Johnson is Chairperson of Christian Personhood of the Louisiana Conference and is representative to the West Gulf Regional School Planning Team. She serves as Trustee of the Louisiana Conference Center and Trustee of People's Community Center, and has served as Vice President, Secretary and Membership Chairperson of the New Orleans District. Locally she has served as President, Secretary and is presently Treasurer of the U.M.W. and holds various offices in the local church.

Celina is a retiree of the Orleans Parish Welfare Department after 28 years of service. She was educated in the public schools of Orleans Parish and Xavier University. She is the mother of two children and the grandmother of two.

Celina is serving as Chairperson of the Annual Meeting Task Group.

Jan Randolph

Jan Randolph is the host president and has been a United Methodist Woman for 25 years. She is busy in her local church as the Coordinator for Adult Family Ministry and Communications. She is a wife and the mother of one son, Scott.



Rev. William D. Peeples

Rev. William D. Peeples, newly appointed District Superintendent of the Northshore District, grew up in the north Louisiana area. He was licensed to preach in his home church of Bienville.

William is a graduate of Centenary College and Perkins School of Theology. He is married to Fain Bussie of Shreveport and they have two children, a daughter, Vallery in Little Rock and a son, Chris in Shreveport.

Rev. Peeples has served churches in Lake Charles (St. Luke), Baton Rouge (St. John), Haynesville, Shongaloo, Bastrop, Collinston, Slidell (Aldersgate) and West Monroe (First).

He will preach the Communion Meditation on Saturday morning.

Gail Epperson, FUMC-Slidell, is vice-president of the North Shore District UMW and of her local unit. Gail is a home economist and enjoys her duties as church hostess and wedding director.

She is currently serving as state president of the Louisiana Association Society of Hospital Auxilians and is very active with Slidell Little Theatre.

Gail is serving as assistant Chairperson, in charge of Local Arrangements.

Rev. Joseph McClain

Reverend Joseph McClain will be our host pastor for our meeting in Slidell and is celebrating his first year as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Slidell. He is a native of Selmer, Tennessee and a graduate of Lambeth College. He and Wife Mary Ann are the parents of six children, one of whom is deceased.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
STANDING RULES
(as revised 2/11/92)

LOCAL UNITS

1. A new unit may be officially reported when a quarterly report has been sent by the treasurer of the new unit to the district treasurer.

2. Support for projects which are the financial responsibility of the church-at-large should be as individual member of the church rather than through the treasuries of United Methodist Women.

3. a. Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting of the confer ence organization on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members, or a major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regard less of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

   b. Members of each unit shall be determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days in advance of the annual meeting.

4. Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting of the district organization on the basis of one delegate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, provided each unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

5. Elections shall be held in September, and those elected shall assume their duties January 1 of the following year.

6. In the event of the death of the treasurer of the local unit, or the inability of the treasurer to discharge the duties of that office, the president of the unit shall be authorized and empowered by the Administrative Committee (or) the Executive Committee if there is no Administrative Committee) to draw and sign checks on behalf of the unit.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN THE DISTRICT

1. The district treasurer shall see that the books are audited annually by the public accountant.

2. District elections shall take place annually. There shall be opportunity for nominations from the floor. Election may be by acclamation or ballot. A majority vote is sufficient for election.

3. Those elected shall assume their duties upon election, except the treasurer, who shall assume her duties on January 1 following the election.

4. Thirty (30) days before the annual meeting of the district organization, each local unit shall be sent registration forms for the meeting and the list of nominees for elected leadership in the district organization.

5. Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting of the district organization on the basis of one delegate for each twenty-five (25) members, or major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regardless of size shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

6. The voting membership at an annual meeting of the district organization shall be the delegates from the local units and the members of the Executive Committee of the district organization.

7. a. A district may be organized into subdistricts to facilitate the work of the United Methodist Women within the district. A subdistrict leader shall be elected as part of the district elected leadership.

   b. If a subdistrict meeting is held, the District Executive Committee shall assist the subdistrict leader in determining program emphasis for the meeting.

   c. If an offering is taken at a subdistrict meeting, expenses, excluding refreshments and/or flowers, may be deducted before remittance is made to the district treasurer.

   d. The duties of the subdistrict leader shall be to:
      - maintain contact, both personally and other ways of communication, with the units in her subdistrict,
      - publicize all activities of the district;
      - assist in organizing new units, in reactivating units which have ceased to function, and in assisting units where help is needed;
      - Preside over any subdistrict meetings which may be held.

8. In the event of the death of the treasurer of the district organization, or the inability of the treasurer to discharge the duties of that office, the president of the district organization shall be authorized and empowered by the Administrative Committee to draw and sign checks on behalf of the district organization.

9. The time between the election of the treasurer and the assumption of her duties shall be a time of training during which she will work with the incumbent treasurer, especially in preparing the fourth quarterly report. The treasurer-elect shall attend all Finance and Executive Committee meetings and training events occurring during this interim period.

10. The District Committee on Program may work with the local Committee on Program in the development of programs and activities which are integral to the purpose.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IN THE CONFERENCE
FUNDS

1. United Methodist Women shall support projects which are the financial responsibility of the church-at-large as individual church members rather than through the treasuries of the organized units of United Methodist Women.

2. Expenses for all members attending any authorized meeting of a standing committee or task group shall be paid by the conference, unless expenses are otherwise provided.

3. a. Members of the conference Executive Committee shall receive ex penses for attendance at meetings of that committee and the annual meeting of the conference organization according to GUIDELINES approved by the Executive Committee.

   b. Each officer shall receive expenses for promoting the work of her office.

   c. All expense vouchers shall include itemize listings, with receipts, of expenses (postage, duplicating, motel, etc.) for which payment is requested.

   d. Duplicating letters or other materials in quantity shall be done, after investigation, at the least expense appropriate to the purpose for which the materials are to be used.

4. Thirteen (13) cents per mile shall be allowed for travel by car. When a van is used, with six (6) or more people in the pool, mileage will be paid at 25 cents a mile. No mileage will be paid to anyone who chooses not to carpool. Any exception will be voted on by the Conference Administrative Committee. When district and conference officers travel together with expense provided by the respective organizations, they shall submit pro rata shares of the expenses of these groups. Other riders shall assume their share of the expense.

5. The conference organization may set aside an amount for administration and membership expenses of the conference, a contribution to the jurisdiction fund for administration and membership development, and for remittances to the districts for administration and membership development. The exact amount of the fund to be set aside shall be decided annually by the Executive Committee on recommendation from the Committee on Finances.

6. At the end of the calendar year, the district treasurer must account to the conference treasurer for the use of Administration and Membership Development funds received, and the balance on hand. Each district shall be allowed to retain a portion of their Administration and Membership Develop ment funds as an advance toward the next year's budget. Any amount in excess shall be returned to the conference treasurer clearly marked as unused Administration and Membership Development funds.

7. Each district shall be allowed monies for Assembly. Funds are to be held by the conference treasurer with other accumulating funds and returned to each district at the appropriate time.

COMMITTEES

1. Those persons listed in Women's Division Constitution and Bylaws, 1989-1992, shall be members of the Conference Executive Committee. In addition the following persons shall be members of the Conference Executive Committee: the historian; editor; chairpersons of standing committee, and the spouse of the bishop, who shall be an honorary vice president.

2. Chairpersons of Task Groups shall be members of the Committee on Program.

3. a. Each standing committee and task group shall be allowed one meeting a year, in addition, to those meetings which can be held in conjunction with a larger group meeting, such as the Executive Committee.

   b. If a committee or task group needs more than one additional meeting (or described above), the meeting shall be approved by the Administrative Committee.

4. The Conference Committee on Membership shall include those persons listed in the Conference Bylaws, and in addition, the chairperson of the district Committees on Membership.

5. a. The Conference Committee on Nominations shall be composed of nine (9) persons, including the chairperson.

   b. The chairperson shall be elected by the conference organization for a term of two years during her four year term . While serving as chairperson, she shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

   c. A person filling an unexpired term on the Committee on Nominations shall rotate off the committee with the class of her predecessor, regardless of length of time served.

   d. In addition to functions listed in Conference Bylaws, the conference committee on Nominations shall keep an accurate and up-to-date file on prospective elected leaders. The file should include, as a minimum, qualifications and skills of each person in the file; offices (if any) previously held, especially in the district and/or conference organizations, length of time served, tenure used and tenure remaining.

   e. Persons elected to the Committee on Nominations shall attend:

      1) Nominations NOTE within Conference calendar year elected at Division expense.

      2) Mid-year Executive Committee at Conference expense.

      3) School of Christian Mission at Conference expense.

      The committee shall meet at least twice a year, as well as on call of the Chairperson. A member missing two committee meetings in a year, without having been excused by the chairperson, shall be notified by the chairperson that she will be replaced on the committee.

   f. Chairperson of Conference Committee on Nominations elected for a two year term will be included in the pattern of attendance for the 1993 Nominations Training Event, in addition to the 1/4 of the committee that is eligible for training each year.

6. There shall be a Committee on Standing Rules and Guidelines, for a two year term, composed of seven (7) persons who shall be appointed by the president and approved by the Executive Committee. The president shall name the chairperson.

   The functions of the committee shall be to:

   a. Review and edit the standing rules and recommend amendments in keeping with new legislation and terminology adopted by Women's Division and in keeping with conference needs.

   b. Draft statements of standing rules changes referred to it by the Executive Committee.

   c. Interpret, upon request, the meaning and intent of bylaws and standing rules.

   d. Prepare copies of proposed amendments to the standing rules for distribution to the annual meeting.

   e. Provide a copy of the approved amendments to the Secretary for inclusion in the records of the conference organization.

   f. Draft resolutions which may be referred to the committee, in the interest of facilitating the work of the conference organization.

   g. Review all guidelines and make recommendations to the Conference Executive Committee.

7. a. There shall be a Committee on Annual Report and Directory composed of the secretary, who serves as chairperson, the president, and the treasurer. Other persons needed to facilitate the work of the commit tee may be appointed by the president in consultation with the secre tary.

   b. The committee shall edit and publish the Annual Report and Directory, as determined by the Executive Committee.

8. a. There shall be a Committee on Place of Annual Meeting composed of three persons, whose chairperson shall be a conference officer. The president shall appoint the members of the committee and name the chairperson.

   b. The committee shall select suitable places for the annual meeting of the conference organization and report their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible, the committee shall alternate the meetings among the geographical areas of the conference.

ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall take place annually in the Annual meeting of the conference organization. Officers shall be elected for a two (2) year term. There shall be opportunity for nominations from the floor by a duly registered delegate, provided the person being nominated is eligible for the office and has given consent to her name to be placed in nomination.

2. Elections shall be by ballot except that, when there is only one nominee for an office, the election may be by voice vote. A majority vote shall constitute election.

3. Those elected shall assume their duties immediately, except the treasurer, who shall assume her duties on January 1 following the election.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

1. The Dean and the Assistant Dean shall be elected from current members of the Committee of School of Christian Mission no later than the preceding school. Serving as Assistant Dean does not guarantee becoming dean.

2. A subsidy to be determined on an annual basis shall be paid for all elected leadership of the district organizations of United Methodist Women, includ ing subdistrict chairpersons, who fully participate in the School of Christian Mission.

3. An amount up to one hundred dollars ($100) may be allowed annually for the purchase of audiovisual resources pertinent to the current studies and mission emphases. These material shall be selected by the Mission Coordinator for Global Concerns in consultation with the dean of the School of Christian Mission and shall be placed in the Audio-Visual Library of the Conference Council on Ministries for use throughout the conference.

ANNUAL MEETING

1. Each local unit shall receive registration forms, the list of nominees for elected leadership and any major changes recommended in Standing Rules thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

2. a. Local units shall be represented at the annual meeting of the confer ence organization on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction therof, provided every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

   b. Membership of each local unit will be determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory of the Conference organization, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

3. The voting membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons: the members of the Executive Committee, the delegates from the local units, the district elected officers, the spouse of the resident bishop, presidents of all predecessor organizations.

4. The Committee on Program shall recommend to the Executive Committee, at the time of the School of Christian Mission, the chairperson for the Task Group on Annual Meeting Program for the ensuing year.

DISTRICT ELECTED LEADER TRAINING

1. a. There shall be conference-wide training event with conference leader ship training district counterparts.

   b. Outgoing officers shall conduct DELT and may be assisted by the incoming officers.

   c. This event shall be funded by the conference.

LEADERSHIP

1. There shall be a conference Historian to be appointed by the president on a two-year basis and confirmed by the Executive Committee.

2. a. The time between the election of the treasurer and the assumption of her duties shall be a time of training which she shall work with the incumbent treasurer, especially in preparing the fourth quarterly report. The treasurer-elect shall attend all Finance and Executive Committee meetings and training events occurring during the interim period.

   b. The incumbent treasurer shall conduct the training for the district treasurers at the District Elected Leaders Training, with expenses allowed according to the guidelines approved by the Executive Commit tee.

   c. In the event of the death of the treasurer of the conference organization or the disability of the treasurer to the extent that she is unable to discharge the duties of that office, the president of the conference organization shall be authorized and empowered to draw and sign checks on behalf of said organization.

3. There shall be an Editor appointed on a two year basis by the Executive Committee.

   The duties of the Editor shall be:

   a. To edit the conference paper in consultation with the Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations.

   b. To serve as liaison person with the printer and be responsible for having the paper mailed to all designated persons.

   c. If the editor of the conference paper is not the Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations, she shall serve on the Executive Committee.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION, GIFTS, MEMORIALS

1. When women from the Louisiana Conference are consecrated in the diaconal ministry, or when they are ordained elders in the Annual Conference they shall be honored with a Thirty (30) dollar gift to missions through the Special Mission Recognition Plan in United Methodist Women. When women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned long or short-term missionaries by the General Board of Global Ministries, they shall be honored with a Thirty (30) dollar Special Mission Recognition Plan.

2. Each year the president may select, in consultation with the Administrative Committee, a person to be the recipient of a one hundred dollar ($100) gift to missions through the Special Mission Recognition Plan, the presentation to be made at the session of the Annual Conference.

3. Upon election, women from Louisiana Conference who serve as a director of Women's Division or an officer of South Central Jurisdiction shall be honored at Annual Meeting with a Gift to Mission.

4. When death occurs among members of the Executive Committee, a Memo rial Gift of fifty dollars ($50) will be sent to Women's Division. When death occurs to members of their immediate families, or to relatives living in their homes, an In Remembrance Gift of twenty-five ($25) will be sent as a memorial.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

1. Each quadrennium, at the invitation of the Women's Division, a representa tive of the United Methodist Women will be granted the opportunity to attend one meeting of the Women's Division at Division expense. Elections for this representative shall be made by the Executive Committee.

2. Procedures for nominating delegates and alternates to the jurisdiction organization of United Methodist Women, nominees and alternate to the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, shall be as follows:

   a. The Conference Executive Committee shall be the nominating body.

   b. Nominations shall be made from the floor.

   c. Voting shall be by ballot, and a majority vote shall constitute nomination.

   d. Nominations shall be presented to the Annual Meeting for election.

AMENDING, DELETING, OR ADDING STANDING RULES

1. Standing Rules may be amended, or new Standing Rules adopted, by majority vote at any Annual Meeting of the conference organization. Such changes shall be approved by the Executive Committee and published in the Confer ence Newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION

1. In order to qualify for a mailing permit in the name of the United Methodist Women, Louisiana Conference, the following RESOLUTION was approved by the Executive Committee of the conference organization, February 1978:

   Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the following RESOLUTION modifying the Bylaws of the Corporation (Conference Organiza tion) was adopted by the Board of Directors (executive Committee), to wit:

   "Be it resolved that the Bylaws of the United Methodist Women, Louisiana Conference, The United Methodist Church, be, and they are hereby, amended to provide that any and all net assets remaining after the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation (Conference Organization), shall be transferred and delivered as soon as practicable to such charitable, religious, educational, or other eleemosynary institutions of this corporation (Conference Organiza tion), provided that the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501...or such similar provisions as shall then be in force."

   a. Mailing permit shall be obtained by editor of conference newsletter.

Clip, Save and Bring Standing Rules to the Annual Meeting

31-derful ways to say THANKS

DAY 1 More than half of 900 million illiterate adults in the world are women. Give 10¢ for each book, magazine and newspaper you read from today.

DAY 2 As UMW we are called to be advocates for the 13 million U.S. children who live in poverty. Give 50¢ to advocate the Campaign for Children.

DAY 3 Pakistani moms are last in the family feeding order. Give 10¢ for each meal today that provides you an equal share of the food.

DAY 4 An elderly, blind and homeless man Zaire worships from the entrance step of a church. Give 25¢ for each opportunity you have to worship in comfort this week.

DAY 5 Over 500,000 people live on the sidewalks in Calcutta. Give 10¢ for each room in your home.

DAY 6 Beginning in 1970 as an outpost Sunday School, the Joy Center is a Christian Service Center of the Red Bird Missionary Conference. Give 50¢ in gratitude for our work through the National Division.

DAY 7 Koreans forced from vinyl, wooden-framed tents sell their squatter's rights as their land is claimed for apartment buildings. The sale will not afford them one of the apartments. Give 50¢ for your home or apartment.

DAY 8 Six in 10 parents who watch T.V. with their children feel occasionally uncomfortable about program content. Give 5¢ for each T.V. program you analyze this week. (Don't forget the commercials!)

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DAY 9 Tradition and self -esteem help Native Americans seek adult lives free of alcoholism. Give 10¢ for each traditional value that lifts your self-esteem.

DAY 10 Ann Hayman writes, "We explore a God who brings unlikely people together in unlikely places to do outrageous things like become friends." Give 25¢ for each unlikely person you befriend this week.

DAY 11 In Juarez, Mexico, many homes in poor"colonias" have no running water, electricity, or indoor toilets. Give 10¢ for each faucet and toilet in your home.

DAY 12 Each year, 500,000 teenagers in our society get pregnant and give birth. Over 10,000 of these are under 14 years old. Give 25¢ to support pregnancy prevention and advocacy programs for teens.

DAY 13 Toxic wastes can claim lives, destroy communities, and endanger species. Give 2¢ for each aluminum can, plastic/paper bag and styrofoam item you collect today for recycling.

DAY 14 94% of U.S. farm families rely on off-farm incomes. When 1 farmer ceases operation, 3-5 jobs are lost. Give 20¢ for each job worked by your family members today.

DAY 15 Women and girls constitute the majority of the world's 15 million refugees. Give 25¢ because you do not have to flee your home today.

DAY 16 Respiratory infections, diarrhea, measles and neo-natal tetanus kill 40,000 children a day. Give 25¢ for each of these your family has survived.

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DAY 17 In Bolivia, street children shine shoes to earn daily bread. Give 5¢ for each slice of bread your family eats today.

DAY 18 As of late 1990, 700,000 infants around the world have been born with AIDS. Give 50¢ to support AIDS education for all ages.

DAY 19 Thousands of homeless people wander earth today with no place to sleep. Give 2¢ for each hour of sleep on your bed last night.

DAY 20 Lack of clean water threatens the well-being of children. Give 10¢ for each glass of water you drink today.

DAY 21 The world needs LOVE. Give 25¢ for each child you hugged this week.

DAY 22 The General Board of Global Ministries meets in N.Y. October 18-25. Pray and give a gift of gratitude for these persons giving time and talent for mission.

DAY 23 Give 10¢ for each mission the Women's Division owns and supports in Louisiana. Give 20¢ for each one you could not name.

DAY 24 Third World families walk many miles to worship services. Give 5¢ for each mile you drive in comfort to regularly worship.

DAY 25 Some 20 million persons in the U.S. experience hunger each month due to severe economic changes. Give 10¢ for each meal and snack you eat today.

DAY 26 Migrant workers need friendship and warmth from fellow Christians. Give 20¢ for each family job located in your home community.

DAY 27 Many people have no heat in their homes. Give 5¢ for each heated room in your home.

DAY 28 In Nepal, most people walk or cycle long distances. Give 15¢ for each family car.

DAY 29 Pakistani villagers typically use clay or metal pots for cooking. Give 5¢ for each microwaveable of S/S pot you use today.

DAY 30 The 1990 UMW Assembly called us to be "Witnesses for a New World." Give 5¢ for each year you have been a witness through United Methodist Women.

DAY 31 Theressa Hoover said that our witness for a new world "will include a sense of hope because God has created us...and (He) will prepare us for the witness we must make. It will include a time of joy, of praise and thanksgiving." Give a gift of thanks to God!

In 1992, it will cost $39.18 per minute to support mission through the Women's Division. World Thank Offering is used in the total program of mission.

1 WEEK 1 **Pray with Adoration** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God... John 1:1-3	**2** I praise Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth... Matt. 11: 25-30	**3** To whom then will you liken Me that I should be his equal? Isaiah 40: 25-26	**4** I will bless the Lord at all times... Psalm 34	**5** Thy way, O God, is holy... Psalm 77: 11-15	**6** ...let us love in deed and truth; for God is greater than our heart... 1 John 3: 16-24	**7** We look for the City that is to come. Heb. 13:13-16
8 WEEK 2 **Pray with Confession** And you shall talk of them when you sit in your house... Deut. 6: 4-9	**9** He who confesses will find compassion Proverbs 28-13	**10** Let love be without hypocrisy Romans 12: 9-18	**11** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God... Psalm 46	**12** I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. Luke 5:32	**13** If my people who are called by My name humble themselves... 2 Chr. 7:12-14	**14** Repent and return, that your sins may be wiped away... Acts 3: 19-26
15 WEEK 3 **Pray with Thanksgiving** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; Psalm 118:28-29	**16** One of them turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice Luke 17: 11-19	**17** After a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples. Matt. 26: 26-30	**18** ...the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matt 19: 13-15	**19** ...thanksgiving be to our God forever... Rev. 7: 9-12	**20** ...for the Lamb shall guide them to springs of the water of life; Rev. 7: 13-17	**21** ...always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ Eph. 5: 18-21
22 WEEK 4 **Pray with Supplication for Peace** Live in peace with one another. 1 Thess. 5: 12-15	**23** For the man of peace will have a posterity Psalm 37: 37-40	**24** Mary anointed the feet of Jesus John 12: 1-3	**25** ...yet for your sake He became poor. 2 Cor. 8:9	**26** Greet one another with a kiss of love. 1 Peter 5:14	**27** ...if two lie down together they keep warm. Eccles. 4: 9-12	**28** To guide our feet into the way of peace... Luke 1: 76-79
29 WEEK 5 **Pray about Giving to God** Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse - so that there may be food in My house... Malachi 3:10	**30** ...she, out of her poverty put in all she owned... Mark 12: 41-44	**31** ...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him? Luke 11: 1-13				

Adoration
Confession
Thanksgiving
Supplication

The ACTS of sharing our dollars are a medium of exchange; the real gift is our sharing of God's love with our neighbors.

There are still hearts we cannot mend.
We must learn to care and to share.

At Annual Conference our U.M.W. honored *LaFern Collins,* the resident director of James Dormitory, Centenary College with an honorary life membership. LaFern has been so helpful to all of us during School of Christian Mission, having served for ten years.

She will retire this summer and we are pleased to have been privileged to work with her.

Congratulations Louisiana Women

Registration Form
Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting

September 18-19, 1992
First United Methodist Church
433 Erlanger, Slidell, La.
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Send registration form to:
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Louisiana Conference UMW
Pre-Registration: $5.00
Registration at Conference: $7.50

NAME: _____

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Check all that apply

Conference Office - Specify _____

Conference Executive Committee _____

District Officer -Specify _____

Local Unit Member _____

Former Conference President or Guild Secretary _____

Guest

Voting Delegate

Church _____

City _____

Number in Local Unit _____ District _____

Where will you be staying during the meeting? _____

_____

Will child care be needed? _____ Ages of Children

NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home,. registration packet, and a small part of the expense of the meeting.

Deadline for Pre-Registration September 8, 1992

Women Elected to General Boards & Agencies

Elected at General Conference in Louisville, Kentucky

Carole Cotton-Winn

Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn was elected to the Commission on General Conference Class of 2000. This Commission determines the site of General Conference and much of the planning and schedules. Carole has been a delegate to the last four Jurisdictional Conferences and two General Conferences. She serves as District Superintendent of the Lake Charles District, the first clergywoman to hold this position. She served on the General Board of Discipleship. Carole is married to Rev. John Winn and has a daughter, Lane Cotton Winn.

Nancy M. Carruth

Nancy Mikell Carruth was re-elected to the General Council on Finance and Administration and at its organizational meeting was named Chairperson of the Investment Committee. Nancy previously served on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. She has been a delegate to the last four General and Jurisdictional Conf, having led the lay delegation twice.

Elected at Jurisdictional Conference in Fort Worth, Texas

Amy Ward

Amy Ward was re-elected to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. She previously served on the General Board of Global Ministries. Amy also served as our Conference U.M.W. President and as Chairperson of the conference Council on Ministries. She has been a delegate to the last four General and Jurisdictional Conferences and led the lay delegation in 1980.

Reverend Marva Mitchell Pastor of Felicity-St. Philip Churches in New Orleans, was elected to the General Board of Discipleship. Kristin Hunt of Monroe, was named as the youth representative to the General Council on Ministries. Elected to the Committee on Archives and History was Inez Chrisentery of Baton Rouge and Rev. Marie Williams pastor of St. Andrews Church in Baton Rouge was named to the Committee on Appeals.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 3 Baton Rouge District, St. Andrews U.M.C., Baton Rouge
Lake Charles District, University U.M.C., Lake Charles
New Orleans District, St. Charles U.M.C., New Orleans
Ruston District, First U.M.C., Farmerville

October 4 Alexandria District, Wilton U.M.C.,, Alexandria
Northshore District, Centenary U.M.C., Franklinton

October 10 Acadiana District, Bayou Blue U.M.C., Houma
Monroe District, Memorial U.M.C., Monroe

October 11 Shreveport District, First U.M.C., Bossier City

OTHER EVENTS:

October 24 District Elected Leaders' Training, Esther Sansone-Chp.
Joyce Hazel-Asst.Chp., Newman U.M.C., Alexandria

1993:

January 24 United Methodist Womens Sunday

Feb. 12-13 Mid-Year Executive Committee, Tall Timbers

March 12-14 U.M.W. Retreat, Tall Timbers, Mary Quinones, Chp.

"Prince of Peace"
Memorial to
Virginia Davis

"The Prince of Peace," a bronze sculpture of Christ on a donkey by the artist Moissaye Marans is on permanent display at The Church Center for the United Nations in New York City. This statue was commissioned by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Nebraska in honor of their Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland and was dedicated on April 16, 1967. Bishop Copeland served as president of the Division of Peace and World Order of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, served the Methodist Board of Missions and the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation.

Virginia Davis Laskey, president of the Woman's Division, presided at the dedication services and gave the statement on symbolism of the sculpture and recognition of the artist.

A nineteen inch Alvastone replica of this statue has been presented to Bishop Oden and the Louisiana Conference, for use in the Conference Headquarters Building in Baton Rouge, in loving memory of Virginia Davis Laskey by her daughter, Anne Marie Laskey Kilpatrick and her entire family. Formal presentation was made during the 1992 Annual Conference.

At the dedication of the original sculpture, Bishop Copeland said, "All of us are inspired with his creation. The artist has captured what I believe to be the expressions of the redemptive heartbeat of the Master who gave His life to bring peace to the hearts of men."

Mark This Date ! ! !

March 12, 13, 14, 1993

Tall Timbers Conference Center
U.M.W. Conference Retreat
" Take Time to Be Holy"
Retreat Leader: Gwen White
Retreat Chairperson: Mary Quinones

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Woodworth, Louisiana

Gwen White
Retreat Leader

Helena W. Wright-Butler
Communion Celebrant

Come To Retreat!

GET YOUR REGISTRATION
IN IMMEDIATELY AND BEGIN TO LOOK FORWARD
TO AN AWAKENING EXPERIENCE OF THE SACRED
SENSE OF LIFE.
TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY AND DISCOVER
THE DIFFERENCE!

"Take Time To Be Holy!"

"Just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."
I Peter 1:15–16

The 1993 Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat will be held at Tall Timbers Conference Center near Woodworth, Louisiana, on March 12, 13, and 14. This is the eighth bi-annual retreat since 1979. The Retreat has been an outstanding, eagerly awaited event for United Methodist Women of Louisiana.

With great joy we welcome as our retreat leader, Gwen White (Mrs. C. Dale). Gwen is well known as a National Assembly Focus Group Leader and has led numerous retreats for United Methodist Women. She has taught in Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission, in workshops on communication skills, spiritual disciplines, spirituality of the family, journaling, and inter-generational education and ministries. She and her husband, Bishop C. Dale White share a leadership in seminars for clergy on marriage and ministry. They are recently relocated from White Plains, New York to the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Bishop and Mrs. White have traveled extensively in Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, The Philippines, China, Africa and the Middle East studying world hunger and peace and justice issues.

The theme for the retreat is "Take Time To Be Holy!"/"Holiness For Our Time!," and will focus on "God Calls Us To Be Holy," "Personal Holiness," "Social Holiness," "How To Be Holy," and "Holiness - Discover The Difference!"

Special features will incorporate small group discussion, altar time, time for solitude, personal reflection, fellowship, and worship. Retreat will conclude with Holy Communion with the Reverend Helena W. Wright-Butler as Celebrant. Music directors will be Doris Brown of Baton Rouge and Judy Gross of Alexandria/Pineville. They and Judy's husband, George, will be planning a special musical event for Saturday evening, and will direct our Volunteer Retreat Choir.

Chairperson of the 1993 Retreat is Mary Quinones, with Hilda D. Sills as Assistant Chairperson.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tall Timbers Conference Center is made available to us by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, which owns and operates this fine facility. United Methodist Women have met there for several events in the past few years. It is strategically located near the center of the state on Highway 165. The Center is approximately fifteen miles south of Alexandria on the Alexandria/Lake Charles highway. (It will be on your right as you drive from Alexandria).

Linens are provided in the motel-type rooms. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are suggested. A flashlight would be helpful in going from the chapel to the rooms for the evening.

All retreatants are expected to stay on grounds for the entire retreat. All meals will be served in the cafeteria and only retreat activities will be scheduled for these days.

Please bring your **Bible**, the **New United Methodist Hymnal**, a notebook or paper, and a pencil or pen.

Registration will take place in Lee Lodge from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12. Retreat materials and room assignments will be available at that time.

Several of our Louisiana Conference Officers are sharing responsibility for parts of the Retreat program. Betty Carlin, Vice President, and Kathy Shea, Treasurer, are members of the Task Group. Seola Callahan, Secretary, is also our Registrar. Lottie Palazzo, Secretary of Program Resources, will have charge of the Reading Resource Room. Helen Allemond, Christian Personhood, will prepare our table graces (assisted by Celina T. Johnson). Lynn Foil, New Orleans District President, will prepare personal meditation booklets, and Joyce Hazel, Lake Charles District President, will be organizing volunteers for our small group leadership. Kathy Shea, Georgie Dunbar, and Esther Sanson will arrange our fellowship evening. Nancy Carruth, Editor, will publicize the event, assisted by Fannie Reddix, Secretary of Publicity/Public Relations.

To all of the leaders and to you who participate in the Retreat, we express our sincere appreciation!

MEET THE LEADERS

Our Retreat Leader, Gwen White, was born in Nebraska, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. She attended Wayne State Teachers College in Nebraska, Buena Vista College in Iowa, Morningside College in Iowa, and Colorado State College of Education. She taught music in Iowa schools, where she met and married Dale White, formerly Bishop of the New York Area of the United Methodist Church. They are the parents of six grown children. Gwen has a real concern for children and was involved in tutorial programs for seven years in Washington, D. C. and East Greenwich, Rhode Island. She was also a member of the New Jersey Area Task Force on Child Advocacy for the United Methodist Women of that state. She has served on the Commission on the Status and Role of Women in the Southern New England Conference, the Northern New Jersey Task Force on Spiritual Formation, and was a delegate to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1976. She is also a member of the Guild for Spiritual Guidance, headquartered in Rye, New York.

Our Communion Celebrant will be the Reverend Helena W. Wright-Butler, a native of New Orleans who was recently ordained Elder at the 1992 Louisiana Annual Conference. Helena is the pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Bunkie. She is married to Reverend Samuel E. Butler, Jr., Pastor of St. Mark UMC, Alexandria and Wesley UMC, Pineville, Louisiana. She is the mother of six children, seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Helena received her B.A. Degree in Elementary Education, from Southern University, New Orleans; and Master of Divinity Degrees from Union Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans and the Interdenominational Theological Center of Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. Helena has been cited for outstanding contribution to the church, and numerous school and civic organizations.

The Music Leader will be Doris Brown, a graduate of Dillard University, where she was President of Student Government and a member of the Dillard University Concert Choir. Doris is married to the Reverend Arnold V. Brown, Elder of the Louisiana Annual Conference, and Pastor of Neely United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. They have one son, Arnold, Jr. At Neely, Doris is the Assistant Director of the young adult "Voices of Joy" choir, and she has previously served as Children's Coordinator and Choir Director of numerous children's choirs. Doris has been a recent and memorable retreat leader in the Shreveport District, and beautiful soloist at our Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission.

Our Co-Leader of Music will be Judy Gross, soloist, pianist, and assistant director of the Adult Chancel Choir at First United Methodist Church in Pineville, where her husband, George is pianist. Together, they are in charge of the Celebration Ringers adult handbell choir, the FUMC Handbell Ensemble, the Youth and Children's Handbell choirs, and the Youth and Children's Choirs. Judy has a degree from the University of South Carolina in music. George has graciously agreed to assist Judy and Doris Brown in a special musical presentation at our Retreat. The Grosses are the parents of the Hill Sisters, originally from Sumter, South Carolina, ages 12-18, with abounding musical talent which they lovingly share with the church, community, and throughout the state.

Mary Quinones is Chairperson for the Retreat. She is our UMW Conference Secretary for Financial Interpretation and a member of St. Matthew's Methodist Church, Metairie. Serving with her as Assistant is Hilda D. Sills, Conference Mission Coordinator for Supportive Community, and a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, New Orleans.

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER SAYS THANKS... TO UNITED METHODIST WOMEN!

In the biblical tradition of increasing the talents given us, our local United Methodist Women mission at Dulac Community Center was able to secure (161) $10.00 certificates for children's shoes with the $1,445.00 they received from a special shoe offering at our Conference Annual Meeting in Slidell. Pay Less Shoe Store gave them a 10% discount which allowed them to purchase $1,605.00 worth of certificates.

Further support for Dulac has come in response to their urgent financial need in the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew. Executive Director, Rob Thompson reports that local United Methodist Women units have sent designated gifts ranging from $8 to $350.00 and the center is 'beginning to see the light.' Much needed work in this very depressed area of Louisiana is able to continue partly because United Methodist Women units throughout Louisiana acted quickly and responsibly to "emptying year-end treasuries" in favor of Dulac. The staff of Dulac Community Center says, "Thank you and God bless you!"

WHAT'S NEW FINANCIALLY FOR 1993???

Our Women's Division President and Deputy General Secretary recently published and distributed to local units news that was indeed a TRIBUTE TO THE LOCAL UNITED METHODIST WOMAN. They said, "In these financially difficult times, 41% of all UMW units increased their Pledge to Mission and 46% emptied their treasury at the end of the year...to give an additional amount of your district pledge, a Special Mission Recognition, or a Supplementary Gift." KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK FOR MISSION, LADIES!

Our 1993 Conference Pledge to Mission is $300,000.00. Members at the 1992 Conference Annual Meeting made individual commitments to this pledge by saying together "HERE AM I, LORD! SEND ME!" Our beautiful 1993 MISSION RIBBONS state that commitment. We are depending on the local leadership to encourage every UMW member in Louisiana to VOICE THIS COMMITMENT by purchasing one mission ribbon for herself and one for a friend or missionary (as a bookmark).

For more than 100 years, A CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL has been an annual event for United Methodist Women. It may be scheduled for any time of the year, but most local units observe it during January. This is an excellent opportunity to study, pray, reflect, and perhaps act on a theme that deals with an issue of special concern to women and children. For 1993, the theme is "Environment and Health." By Women's Division policy, half of the total offering each year is allocated to mission projects in the United States and half to projects in other countries. Projects receiving prior year Call to Prayer grants are listed in an issue of RESPONSE magazine each year.

UNDESIGNATED GIVING remains the primary channel of giving for United Methodist Women. Our Conference Financial Goal for 1993 is for every local woman to purchase and give to another, one of the beautiful GIFT TO MISSION CARDS. The minimum cost per card is $5.00 (there is no maximum!). AND, WE HAVE A BRAND NEW CARD IN 1993 - "THINKING OF YOU." Also important to note is that District Treasurers will stock the Gift to Mission Cards to enable easier availability. PROMOTE THE GOAL - MEET THE CHALLENGE!"

Work now to BECOME A 5-STAR UNIT for 1992-93. Increase your pledge, give at least one (1) Special Mission Recognition Pin, promote and give Gift to Mission cards, encourage use of In Memory cards, and participate as a unit in the World Thank Offering. These QUALITIES OF EXCELLENCE IN GRATEFUL GIVING FOR MISSION are what our 5-STAR PROGRAM is all about.

Mary Quinones,
Conference Secretary for Financial Interpretation

LOCAL UNIT REPORTS:

Each LOCAL UNIT had an evaluation report form to fill out and send to the District President *by December 15th.*

District Presidents are to compile these and send a District Report to the Conference President *by February 15th.* Then, the Conference President sends a report to Women's Division *by March 20th.*

It all depends on the LOCAL UNIT. YOU must send in your reports in order for the District and Conference presidents to have reports. If you have not sent a report for 1992 *please* **do it NOW** - even though late.

Meet the New

At the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, held in First United Methodist Church, Slidell, Louisiana, election of officers was held. Re-elected for an additional two year term were Betty Carlin, Vice-President; Mary Quinones, Secretary for Financial Interpretation; Geneva Bell, Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement; and Hilda Sills, Mission Coordinator for Supportive Community.

Newly elected officers were Kathy Shea to serve as Treasurer; Lottie Palazzo, Secretary of Program Resources; and Helen Allemond, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood. Mrs. Barbara Hamilton was selected to serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. Elected as new members to the Nominating Committee were Almeda Ledoux, Jane Deville, and Jan Randolph.

Kathy Shea

Kathryn R. Shea was born in Syracuse, N.Y., raised in Rhode Island, joined the U.S. Navy which brought her to Louisiana in 1955. She is the widow of an Air Force Sergeant. She has a daughter, a son and three grandchildren. She retired as an Accounting Technician after 32 years with the Federal Government and has been very busy as a volunteer ever since. She teaches third and fourth graders in Sunday School and has been active in her church as well as the local UMW unit. She served as District Secretary and Secretary of Financial Interpretation. At the Annual Meeting, Kathy was elected Treasurer of the Conference. She is a member of First United Methodist Church in Pineville, Louisiana.

Lottie S. Palazzo

Lottie Palazzo is a native of New Orleans, but has also lived in Mobile, Dallas, and Hawaii. She is presently living in Metairie where she is a member of St. Matthew's U.M.C. Lottie has been married to A.J. (Pete) Palazzo for 48 years and they are parents of 4 children, 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She served many years as her church's secretary, and also as District President and District Treasurer. Lottie has been Dean and Assistant Dean of the Conference School of Christian Mission as well as Conference Mission Coordinator for Supportive Community.

Helen Allemond

Helen Allemond, Lay Leader of the First United Methodist Church of Plaquemine, Louisiana has served in many capacities during her 50 years of membership in that church. Positions held include: Delegate, as well as alternate delegate to Annual Conference for many years; Sunday School Superintendent; Vacation Church School Director; Sunday School Teacher; UMYF Counselor; Council on Ministries; Administrative Board and on these committees: Vision 2000, Finance, Nurture and Membership and Worship.

Helen has been active also in the UMW. On the local level she has served as President several times and Vice-President. On the district level she was President of the Baton Rouge/Lafayette District, Coordinator of Christian Personhood and Christian Global Concerns; and the Committee on Nominations.

Helen is a lifelong resident of Plaquemine and has been married for 47 years to Captain Antoine W. Allemond. They have a daughter, two sons, and seven grandchildren. She attended the public schools in Iberville Parish and the Charity Hospital School of Nursing in New Orleans.

Conference Officers

Barbara M. Hamilton will serve as Chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. She is the wife of Reverend J.D.V. Hamilton, Jr., pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in New Orleans. They have one daughter, Chenise. Barbara received her B.A. and M. ED from Southern University and the Director of Christian Education from Perkins School of Theology. She taught in the public schools of Louisiana for many years and is presently employed as a pre-kindergarten teacher in Orleans Parish. Barbara has served her local U.M.W. as President and in other offices and has also served as District Vice-President.

Barbara M. Hamilton

Jane Deville is a charter member of Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana. She is the mother of two daughters and one son. Jane is semi-retired. She has served on the Alexandria District United Methodist Women as Vice-President; Secretary; Program Resources; and Committee on Nominations. She is now serving as President of her local unit and has been active in it since its charter in 1956. In our predecessor organization (Women's Society of Christian Service), Jane served as President as well as in all work areas. She has served as Lay Leader in her local congregation and on the District Board of laity and has chaired various committees on the Administrative Board. Jane is a Methodist from infancy and was an active member as a child and involved as a youth in Epworth League activities in the North Alabama Conference.

Jane Deville

Almeda LeDoux was born and reared in Indian Bayou. She graduated from Indian Bayou High School and attended S.L.I. (now USL) in Lafayette. She and her husband, Gordon, are lifetime members of Indian Bayou United Methodist Church. They have three daughters and nine grandchildren. She had held various positions in the church and in the local unit of United Methodist Women. She has served four years as Secretary of Program Resources of the Acadiana District United Methodist Women and also served one year on the District Nominating Committee

Almeda LeDoux

Jan Randolph

Jan Randolph was born in Birmingham, Alabama and has been married to Victor Randolph for 25 years. They have one son, Scott, who is a senior in high school. She is a homemaker, a volunteer, and a seamstress and has been a member of the United Methodist Women and the W.S.C.S. for most of her married life. Jan is the immediate past president of her local U.M.W. having served for 2 1/2 years. She is a member of First United Methodist Church in Slidell and assisted in the preparation for her church's hosting of the 1992 Annual Meeting of U.M.W. Jan has served in many capacities in this organization both in Slidell and in Lafayette.

*Those of you who know and love **Estelle Dameron** (and who doesn't fall in that category) will want to know her new address. She is now residing at:*

Tioga Manor Nursing Center
5201 Shreveport Highway, Room 5-C
Pineville, Louisiana 71360
(Her phone: 318/640-0099)

ESTELLE DAMERON
School of Christian Mission Scholarships

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1993 School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 15-18, 1993.

This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting women interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the"greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend the School of Christian Mission and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

PLEASE send only one applicant per unit.

Applications must be mailed to:

Dr. Marilyn Ray
10341 Flossmoor Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

SEND APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 1993

ESTELLE DAMERON
School of Christian Mission Scholarships
APPLICATION

District _____ Unit (name of church) _____

Location _____ New ____ No. in Unit _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Applicant has ❑ has not ❑ attended a School of Christian Mission before

Applicant's age grouping: ❑ high school ❑ under 35 ❑ 35-50 ❑ 51 and above

Employed: ❑ Full time ❑ Part time
❑ Retired ❑ Student ❑ Homemaker

Age of children: ❑ pre-school ❑ school ❑ not at home

Applicants choice of study:

❑ "Global Economics" ❑ "Peoples of the Caribbean"

Name of unit president or contact person:

_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

To be written by applicant on a separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because-

School of Christian Mission

Again this year, we will have ONE session of the Conference School of Christian Mission. It will be held July 15-18, 1993 at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana. The Dean is Lois Heath and the Assistant Dean is Betty Ferrington. The theme this year, will be "Confronted by Christ--Empowered by the Spirit." There will be four sections of the Bible study, "Matthew" which will be led by:

Rev. Fay Barrhartung
Marilyn Oden
Dollene Sims
Alice Story

Everyone will participate in the Bible study and also select one of the other two studies:

"Peoples of the Caribbean"
Gloria T. Bennett
Erelene Bradford
Rev. Freddie Henderson
Cecelia M. Long

"Global Economics: Seeking a Christian Ethic"
Rev. George Calvin
Sue C. Johnson
Bishop William B. Oden
Rev. Wilbur Davis

Mark these dates on your calendar now and make plans to attend!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY
January 24, 1993

We hope that your plans are underway to observe United Methodist Women's Sunday on January 24, 1993. This observance was begun in 1983 with the approval of Bishop J. Kenneth Shamblin. If you have planned the program for another date, that is fine, but as soon as possible after the program, send information (church bulletins, photos, articles, etc.) to your district Chairperson on Membership.

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING FORM

Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women

1993 Retreat
March 12, 13 and 14
Tall Timbers Conference Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

Name

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Address

_____

City

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State _____ Zip _____

Phone No.

( ) _____

Church

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City

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District

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❑ Retreat Fee-- Enclose check for $75.00 made payable to: **Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women**

Names of roommates requested
(Check with them first)

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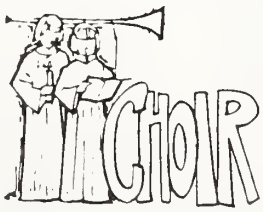
Check here if joining the music group ❑



Retreat Registration and Housing Information

To register for the 1993 Retreat, fill in the form, clip, and mail with your check for $75.00 to:

Seola Callahan (Mrs. Lawrence)
H C-85 Box 130
Oakdale, LA 71463
Telephone: 318-335-3521

The $75.00 fee will include lodging for two nights, six meals in the cafeteria (Friday night through Sunday noon), retreat material, insurance, and a share in the overall expenses.

All Retreatants are expected to stay on the grounds. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. If necessary, a waiting list will be kept and those notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 26. Please indicate if special accommodations are needed by you. Please note that our insurance policy prohibits children from attending this retreat.

SPECIAL NOTES

No food or drink is permitted in the chapel, lodge or dormitory. Vending machines and a snack bar are available. Those requiring special diets may notify Tall Timbers Food Service Department forty-eight hours prior to the date of the meeting. the address is P.O. Box 258, Woodworth, LA 71485. the telephone is 318-445-6797.

S. O. S.
SINGERS NEEDED

Choir members and those who "just like to sing," are invited to meet Doris Brown and Judy Gross in the chapel at Tall Timbers at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12. You may become our Choir for Retreat. Together, we will "Praise the Lord!" "Sing a new song to the Lord and praise him in the assembly of his faithful people."

COMING EVENTS

United Methodist Women's Sunday
January 24, 1993
ALL Churches Throughout the Conference

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Conference Executive Committee Meeting
February 12-13, 1993
Tall Timbers Conference Center
Conference elected officers and appointed leaders along with Conference Committe on Nominations

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Conference Retreat - Tall Timbers Center
March 12-13-14, 1993
Chairperson: Mary Quinones
Assistant Chairperson: Hilda D. Sills

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School of Christian Mission
July 15-18, 1993
Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana
Dean: Lois Heath
Assistant Dean: Betty Ferrington

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United Methodist Women Annual Meeting
September 17-18, 1993
Horseshoe Drive U.M.C., Alexandria, Louisiana
Chairperson: Betty Carlin
Assistant Chairperson: Muriel Miller

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United Methodist Women Annual District Meetings
October 1993

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District Elected Leader's Training
October 23, 1993
All district elected leaders are to attend.

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MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Mid-Year Meeting of the Conference Executive Committee is to be held February 12 and 13, 1993 at the Tall Timbers Conference Center near Woodworth. Registration will begin at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon with the evening meal at 5 o'clock. The business session will begin at 6:15 P.M. The meeting will conclude following lunch on Saturday noon.

The conference elected officers, the appointed leadership and the Conference Committee on Nominations are to be present for this meeting.

The conference Committee on Nominations will be considering officers to be elected next fall. If you have any suggestions get them to the chairperson no later than February 10. Send them to:

Barbara Hamilton
4742 Knight Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

Norma Winegeart
Conference President

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Confronted By Christ † Empowered By The Spirit

††† 1993 School Of Christian Mission July 15-18

The Conference Committee for 1993 School of Christian Mission is making plans for this year's School, and we hope that you have a mountain top experience as you join us in mission education and study, spiritual growth, leadership development and christian fellowship. This will be an opportunity to learn about the total program planning of the United Methodist Women.

Our theme this year, "CONFRONTED BY CHRIST EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT" reminds us that no matter what your economic status or cultural background we all are confronted by Christ and Empowered by the Spirit.

Betty and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. We would like to have a representative from each unit. Confronted by Christ and Empowered by the Spirit, we go forth to participate in God's mission.

Lois Heath
Dean

Confronted By Christ Empowered By The Spirit

Norma S. Winegeart
President

Lois R. Heath
Dean

Betty Ferrington
Assistant Dean

CONFRONTED BY CHRIST-EMPOWERED BY THE SPIRIT

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like the one who built a house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.

(Matthew 7:24-25)

The Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be preached and witnessed to throughout the earth and is received in differing ways by people living in completely different circumstances. Matthew's emphasis on righteousness, justice, and right relationships addressed to a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual community in transition called wealthy and oppressed alike to the message of Jesus. Sharing stories is one way we come to know better a resurrected Christ who empowers ordinary Christians to act faithfully.

Our faith leads us to examine the broad effects of our own lifestyle. As we explore our relationship with the global economic system, we discover how it affects us and other members of the human community and the earth. The diverse gifts of the Caribbean peoples and the richness of their cultures challenge us to commit ourselves to enter into just relationships with our sisters and brothers in Christ as partners in mission.

Confronted by Christ and empowered by the Spirit, we go forth to participate in God's mission.

TEXTS FOR 1993:

MATTHEW

Basic Book: ***JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: "WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"*** $2.50

Authors: Nancy A. Carter and Leontine T. C. Kelly

The text examines Matthew from the perspective of the gospel's theme of Emmanuel, "God with us," and its emphasis on righteousness (justice, right relationships). The authors use the technique of story telling to help link the stories in the gospel to stories of people today. Questions for personal reflection are placed at the end of each chapter. A leader's guide written by Nancy A. Carter is included at the end of the book. It offers a number of ideas and methodologies for leading the study.

CARIBBEAN

Basic Book: ***THE CARIBBEAN: CULTURE OF RESISTANCE, SPIRIT OF HOPE.*** $7.95

Authors: Dale A. Bisnauth, Adolfo Ham, Sergio Arce Martinez and Dora E. Valentin

Despite centuries of exploitation and oppression, the peoples of the Caribbean have forged a marvelous reality out of a unique diversity. Writer-historians enable the reader to understand what was, and what is, so that all may share in what will be.

Study Guide: ***STUDY GUIDE TO THE CARIBBEAN: CULTURE OF RESISTANCE, SPIRIT OF HOPE*** $5.95

Author: Nancy A. Carter

Biblical reflection, song and worship ideas, activities and suggested resources to enhance the readers understanding of the region.

GLOBAL ECONOMICS

Basic Book and Guide: ***SEEKING A CHRISTIAN ETHIC. A WORKBOOK FOR BEGINNERS.*** $7.95 Author: Ian McCrae

This book offers stories and exercises about our interdependent world, with biblical and ethical reflections, some teaching about basic economic principles, and suggestions on how we can help create a new economic order.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FIRST TIMERS - Anyone who is attending the School of Christian Mission for the first time is asked to meet with Lois Heath and Betty Ferrington in the Student Union at 11:00 a.m., Thursday to get acquainted and for a short orientation session.

RESOURCE ROOM - Lottie Palazzo, the new Secretary of Program Resources invites you to visit the Resource Room from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Thursday and at times posted for the other days. She will have books you will need for participation in each of the studies. Also there will be plenty of free and inexpensive materials that will help you and your unit.

LEARNING CENTER - The Learning Center in the South Cafeteria is a part of the School of Christian Mission that you will not want to miss. The area includes displays by each district and some Conference officers. Each study for the school will have three different displays showing how you can introduce the studies in your local unit. Coordinating the center will be Fannie Reddix.

OFFERING - The offering taken at School will be given undesignated for Ministries with Women in the Caribbean.

AUDIO VISUALS - Mary Pollard, Geneva Bell and Evelyn Evans will share with you the audio visuals that pertain to this year's studies. You will have opportunity to view the AV's for your chosen study during class time.

TABLE GRACES - Helen Allemond, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood, has asked three of the Districts to prepare prayer cards for each table in the dining hall. You are encouraged to use them as you come to dine.

MEDITATION ROOM - It is possible that you will need a quiet place to re-focus during these four days. The Meditation Room in James Dormitory is just that kind of place. You may stop in at any time to sit quietly or browse through the meditation helps available.

CEU - Continuing education units will be awarded to pastors to assist them in earning the required credits for the year.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT (Fun Night) Fannie Reddix and Mary Quinones would like for you to have a good time. This year they are going to use each district to serve as host for each night. Thursday Night - New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and North Shore. Friday Night - Acadiana, Alexandria, and Lake Charles. Saturday - Monroe, Ruston, and Shreveport.

MEDICAL INFO - Vera Bullock will serve as our school nurse and will be located in James Dormitory.

NOTE - Please understand that our insurance policy prohibits the attendance of children.

SCHEDULE SCHOOL OF CHRISTION MISSION 1993

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1993

9:00-12:00 Registration - James Dormitory
Learning Center/Resource Room
11:00-12:00 First Timer Orientation - SUB
12:00-1:00 Lunch
12:45-1:00 Community Sings
1:00-1:45 Gathering For All
2:00-4:30 Class-Global Economy/Matthew (Caribbean Groups in these Matthew Groups)
4:30-5:30 N.A.P. (Free Time) Learning Center/Resource Room
5:30-6:30 Supper
6:45-7:45 Promotion for WD/GBGM-Sue Johnson
Coffee/Lemonade/Cookies in James Lobby

FRIDAY, JULY 16, 1993

7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:15-8:45 Worship
9:00-11:45 Class-Global Economy/Matthew (Caribbean Groups in these Matthew Groups)
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 N.A.P. (Free Time) Learning Center/Resource Room
2:00-5:00 Class-Caribbean/Matthew (Economy Groups in these Matthew Groups)
5:00-6:30 N.A.P. (Free Time) Learning Center/Resource Room
5:30-6:30 Supper
6:30-6:45 Community Sings
6:45-7:45 Officer Up-Date
Coffee/Lemonade/Cookies in James Lobby

SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1993

7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:15-8:45 Worship
9:00-11:45 Class-Economy/Matthew (Caribbean Groups in these Matthew Groups)
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-2:00 N.A.P. (Free Time) Learning Center/Resource Room
2:00-5:00 Class-Caribbean/Matthew (Economy Groups in these Matthew Groups)
5:00-6:30 N.A.P. (Free Time) Learning Center/Resource Room
5:30-6:30 Supper
6:30-7:15 Moments with a United Methodist Missionary, Dr. Carol Walker
7:30-8:15 Sampler/Workshop for Leaders of Mini-Schools
Coffee/Lemonade/Cookies in James Lobby
9:00-10:00 School Committee - Caferteria Area

SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1993

7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:15-10:15 Class-Caribbean/Matthew (Economy Groups in these Matthew Groups)
10:30-11:30 WORSHIP

HOUSING - MEALS - FEES

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. If we exceed 266, Cline Dormitory will be used. The dorms will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. **Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space.** All rooms have two single beds with an adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice of a roommate.

BRING bed linens, pillow, **BLANKET**, towels, etc. You will also need clothes hangers and **A CUP FOR MORNING COFFEE**. The rooms have phone jacks, so if you would like, bring a telephone. Air conditioning often makes the classrooms cold so do bring a sweater. Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear and a tote bag should complete the list.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATIONS YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms.

All who stay on campus must purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with the policy of Centenary College. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. Meal prices are: Breakfast $3.50, Lunch $4.00 and Supper $4.50. Because of the cafeteria arrangement for preparing and serving food. SPECIAL DIETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

Also in accordance with the policy of Centenary College is the rule that **THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING WITHIN THE DORMITORIES OR ANY OTHER BUILDING ON CAMPUS.**

Anyone, not a member of the School Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to carpool **SHALL PAY $12.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS AS YOU GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE.**

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS WILL BE:
James Dormitory - P.O. Box 41188 - Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: (318) 869-5313

HOUSING AND MEALS (To be paid upon arrival at School)
Meals.....(9 meals).....$36.00
Housing.....(3 nights).....$36.00

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR PEOPLES OF THE CARIBBEAN

At our Conference School of Christian Mission we will call for a special UNDESIGNATED OFFERING for Peoples of the Caribbean. Despite centuries of exploitation and oppression the peoples of the Caribbean have forged a marvelous reality out of a unique diversity. The Methodist Church is a part of the Caribbean Conference of Churches (CCC), which works together to unify the objectives and efforts of all the islands and territories through social and economic programs which deal with causes rather than only symptoms of Caribbean problems. Your unit may Want To Consider a Planned Response To This Special Offering.

THERE IS MUSIC IN THE AIR

Josephine Smith
Song Leader

Jerry Cook
Pianist

Coordinating the music for this year's School are Josephine Smith and Jerry Smith Cook. They are sisters and the daughters of Mrs. Mattie Smith and the late Rev. Edgar Smith.

Josephine, who will be directing us in song, is a graduate of Southern University with a degree in Vocal Music Education and a Masters in Elementary Education. She has worked fourteen years as a Vocal Music Teacher and is now a teacher of second graders in Iberville Parish. Josephine is a member of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church, a member of and soloist for the Chancel Choir, a member of United Methodist Women, a Sunday School Teacher and Youth Choir Director.

Jerry, who will be the pianist for School, is a graduate of Southern University in Music Education and is certified in Elementary Education. She did further study at Louisiana State University, Northeast State University, Northwestern State University and Dillard University. She has a Masters and 30+ in Elementary Education. Jerry is an active member of Camphor Memorial United Methodist Church where she serves as Pianist, Sunday School Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher and is a member of United Methodist Women. She is employed by the Concordia Parish School Systems.

Introducing 1993 School Of GLOBAL ECONOMICS

Dr. George W.C. Calvin, Sr.

Dr. George W.C. Calvin, Sr. is presently serving as Conference Director, Special Ministries/Institutional Development of the Louisiana Conference. He received his Master of Divinity Degree from Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and his Doctor of Divinity from Dillard. Dr. Calvin has taught in Schools of Christian Mission throughout the South Central Jursidiction as well as several Regional Schools. He has been a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Kenya and in Singapore. George also served at several General and Jurisdictional Conferences. His church and community affiliations are numerous and he has been the recipient of many awards and recognitions. Dr. Calvin is married to the former Mae E. Graves and they are the parents of three children.

William B. Oden

William B. Oden is a native of McAllen, Texas and a graduate of Oklahoma State University, Harvard University and Boston University. He was elected to the episcopacy in 1988 and assigned to the Louisiana Conference. Bishop Oden serves on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and on the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council. He co-chairs the World Anglican/Methodist Dialogue. Before his election to the episcopacy, he was a delegate to four General Conferences and six Jurisdictional Conferences. Bishop Oden serves as a trustee on numerous boards. He has taught in many Schools of Christian Mission, but this will be his first time to teach in our school. He is the author of many books and articles. Married to the former Marilyn Brown, they are the parents of four children and two grandchildren.

MATTHEW

REV. FAY. BARRHARTUNG

Rev, Fay Barrhartung is presently serving Welsh Memorial U.M.C. in Vinton. She is a native of Ruston and attended Louisiana Tech, Garrett Biblical Theological School, South Dakota State, and Perkins School of Theology. Fay has served as Wesley Foundation director; Director of Christian Education and Youth Work; and a teacher. She has taught in Schools of Christian Mission here and in South Dakota. Fay has led workshops on Spiritual Development; Grief; Death and Dying. Her hobbies are people, theater, and reading. She has one daughter, one son, and three grandchildren.

Rev. Wilbur G.C. Davis, Sr.

Rev. Wilbur G. C. Davis, Sr. is a graduate of Southern University and Perkins School of Theology. He also did advanced studies at Candler School of Theology. He is presently serving as pastor of Roberts U.M.C. in Denham Springs and St. Luke U.M.C. in Greenwell Springs. Rev. Davis is active in Boy Scout work and the Ecumenical Council on Youth Involvement. He is married to the former Viola Louise Dotson and they are the parents of four children. Davis served pastorates in Plaquemine, New Roads, Alexandria, and as Campus Minister at Southern University.

Sue C. Johnson

Sue C. Johnson is on staff for the Women's Division Assigned in the Nashville Region. In leading the study, Sue will use her past experience as a teacher in both high school and college and as a consultant in curriculum creation for educational TV. Since Sue has been a photographer/reporter on both weekly and daily newspapers, this adds the perspective of a person who was an active participant within a major media area. Sue's academic background - a Master in Political Science - provides the basis of her approach to this study. She is especially interested in social trends, the causes of and the effects of these trends in society and the functioning of communication theory within our society.

Beyond Sue's formal training she says the reason she selected this study is because of her love of people and her interest in how these people structure their world.

Within the study setting Sue employs a spectrum of study techniques which include lecture, total group participation and small group work. No matter which style is being used, it is important to Sue that participants feel comfortable in the study environment so they will interact.

Marilyn Brown Oden

Marilyn Brown Oden was born in California and educated in Oklahoma, having received degrees from Oklahoma State University, University of Oklahoma and the University of Central Oklahoma. She is the author of several books as well as the forthcoming 1993 Advent, Calendar of Devotions. Marilyn has also written several articles for Christian publications and she recently had published, a book on Russia. She has served as school counselor, adjunct professor of English and creative writing and as coordinator of Volunteer Services in Oklahoma City public schools. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees of St. Paul School of Theology. She is married to William B. Oden and they have four children and two grandchildren.

Christian Mission Teachers

PEOPLES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Gloria Tuck Bennett

Gloria Tuck Bennett is a former Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman and has served as District President of U.M.C., Conference coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, and Assistant Dean of School of Christian Mission. She has taught in Louisiana, South Georgia, and Virginia Schools. Gloria attended Northeast Louisiana University and is a retired legal secretary and paralegal. She has served her local church (First UMC in Monroe) in several capacities and is a Certified Lay Speaker. Gloria is involved with Monroe's Little Theater and Twin City Ballet; served as District Director for AARP and worked with American Red Cross. She enjoys reading, music, photography, and travel.

Erelene LaMothe Bradford

Erelene LaMothe Bradford is a native of Opelousas, a graduate of Southern University and Louisiana State University. She has served as a high school teacher, supervisor of schools, guidance counselor at the School for the Deaf, and teacher of special education. Erelene is a member of Camphor Memorial UMC in Baton Rouge and serves on its administrative board. She is very active in community work, serving in the League of Women's Voter, Friends of Public Education, Children's Coalition. and Council on Human Relations. She is on the board of MacDonell U. Methodist Children's Services and is President of Earl K Long Medical Center's Auxiliary. Erelene has worked on all levels of U.M.C. work. She is the widow of Wallace Bradford, mother of one daughter and has one grandson.

Rev. Freddie C. Henderson, Sr.

Rev. Freddie C. Henderson, Sr. is a native of Mansfield. He is married to the former Gloria Listach and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter. He is graduate of Wiley College and Gammon Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. Rev. Henderson is presently serving as pastor of Wesley UMC in Baton Rouge. He has also served as Chaplin at Louisiana T.I. and Director of Wesley Foundation at Southern University. Rev. Henderson was Director of Financial Aid at Morehouse College in Atlanta and received training at Grady Memorial Hospital in Clinical Pastoral Education.

Clytie Fears Perry

Clytie Fears Perry, a native of Texas, was reared in central Lousiana. She is the wife of Nathaniel P. Perry, retired United Methodist minister. Clytie is a graduate of Fisk University in Nashville and did fuurther studies at Howard University and Southern University. She has taught in Louisiana and Maryland. Also directed Bethune Branch of the YWCA in Alexandria and Senior Center for Cenla Community Action Committee. Clytie has taught in Schools of Christian Mission, served as Conference Vice-President of UMW, and in many other capacities at LCIW. She is an avid reader.

MATTHEW

Dollene Wilson Sims

Dollene Wilson Sims is a graduate of Fisk University and Southern University. She did graduate work at Louisiana State University and Loyola University. She has worked in the field of teaching, served as Physical Education Supervisor and as Supervisor of chapter 1 Reading and Mathematics Teachers. She led in the writing of 2 curriculum guides. Dollene is a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge where she is Chairperson of Stewardship and Vice President of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee. Besides her many church responsibilities, Dollene is active in several community organizations

Alice Wilkinson Story

Alice Wilkinson Story is a native of Livingston Parish and married to Jack Story. They are parents of two children and four grandchildren. She is a member of Broadmoor U.M.C. In Baton Rouge where she serves as Vice-Chair of the Administrative Board. Alice is a former District President of the Baton Rouge U.M.W. and is presently serving as Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood in her local unit. She chaired the Task Force for Conference Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women in 1988 and 1989. She is a member of P.E.O. and enjoys camping, reading, sewing, singing, playing piano and organ, playing with grandchildren, and teaching.

Message from the President

SCHOOL STAFF

Dean: *Lois R. Heath*

Assistant Dean: *Betty Ferrington*

Vice President: Betty Carlin (Evaluation & Officer Update)

Secretary: Seola Callahan (Workshop Committee)

Treasurer: Kathryn Shea (Budget)

Registrar: Judy Rountree (Registration, Housing, Class Assignment)

Assistant Registrar: Celina T. Johnson

Mission Coordinators:

Christian Personhood: Helen Allemond (Meditation Room, Table Graces, Devotional Book)

Christian Social Involvement: (A.V.'s) Geneva Bell

Christian Global Concerns: (A.V.'s) Mary Pollard

Supportive Community: (Sec. of Comm) Hilda Sills

Sec. Program Resources: Lottie Palazzo (Resource Room)

Sec. Financial Interpretation: Mary Quinones

Sec. Publicity & Public Relations: Fannie Reddix (Learning Center)

President: Norm Winegeart (Officer Update)

Editor: Nancy M. Carruth (Newsletter)

Music: Josephine Smith

Pianist: Jerry Cook

Nurse: Vera Bullock

Local Arrangements: Patty Lindsey Betty Turner

A.V. Equipment: Evelyn Evans

Chp. Comm. Membership: Marilyn Ray (Estelle Dameron Scholarship)

The plans for our United Methodist CONFERENCE CENTER are so very exciting! Thanks to the units and individuals who sent French bread and cookies for the Round-Up in Alexandria on March 6th. I want to go on record as supporting this project - and I urge each of you to support it through your local church.

Your United Methodist Women's Conference Executive Committee has approved a plan to raise funds for furnishing guest rooms in the lodges @$3,000 each. Details for this project will be presented for your final approval during our annual Meeting in September.

We have failed to meet our conference pledge to missions in recent years -- and this <u>must not</u> take the place of mission money. But virtually every unit spends money locally that does not go through the conference treasurer and hopefully you will channel some of your "local" funds into this worthy project. For, the United Methodist Women look forward to having most of our meetings at the Conference Center -- everything from small committee meetings to the Annual Meeting...and we will be occupying the guest rooms on frequent occasions. Full details will not be available until September, but please consider this project when you hold your bazaars and fund-raisers.

The 150 women who attended the UMW RETREAT at Tall Timbers in March were truly blessed. Gwen White brought great inspirational thoughts on Holiness, and the music under the leadership of Doris Brown, Judy and George Gross was indeed marvelous. Closing the week-end was the beautiful communion service led by Rev. Helena Wright-Butler.

Thanks to Mary Quinones, Hilda Sills and their entire committee.

The first biannual Leadership Development Conference of CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN LOUISIANA was held at the Lewis Temple CME Church in Grambling and the Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston, on March 19-20. Pat Rumer, national general director of CWU was the featured leader. Joyce Reed, a member of UMW, is the president; and Mary Margaret Barr is president of the Grambling-Ruston unit. About half of the persons in attendance were United Methodist Women. We encourage you to support this ecumenical group in your local community.

Doris brown will be attending an ORIENTATION IN MISSION SEMINAR at Scarritt Bennet Center in Nashville in May. Your conference president will attend the South Central Jurisdiction PRESIDENTS' CONSULTATION in Albuquerque.

The Southern Region 8 Seminar or WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN will be held in Jackson, Mississippi, May 22-23. Lottie Palazzo and Marilyn Ray will represent the conference mission team, and it is hoped that others will also attend.

Your conference elected leaders, the dean and assistant dean and study group leaders for our School of Christian Mission will go for training at the WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL at Baker University, Baldwin, Kansas, June 23-27. Celina Johnson is a member of the planning team.

Come to the LOUISIANA SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION on the Centenary College Campus in July to become more fully informed about our three mission studies and to receive more personal blessings. Lois Heath, Betty Ferrington and the School Committee have made great plans for us .

SAGER-BROWN for Enabling Ministries is the UMCOR hurricane relief center. Volunteers are still needed there and at Dulac. To calendar work groups call 318/923-4702.

My preacher-husband, Rev. Jack Winegeart, plans to retire during the session of Annual Conference. We are moving to the house that my folks built when I was a freshman in high school - near the Centenary College campus. So, please note our NEW ADDRESS: 254 Forest Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71104-4507.

Norma S. Winegeart, President
Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women

1992 ANNUAL REPORT

The 1992 Annual Report to Women's Division reveals 322 units with 11,392 members. The Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Ruston and Shreveport Districts had 100% reporting; among the other districts there were 53 units not reporting.

The conference treasurer reported:
undesignated giving (pledge to mission) $266,609.82
designated giving (to mission) 52,011.99
Total giving through conference treasurer $353,522.54

This does not include approximately $12,900 that was sent directly to the Dulac Community Center following Hurricane Andrew, or monies spent locally.

Norma S. Winegeart, president

REGISTRATION for School of Christian Mission

Registration, Insurance Coverage Fee $10.00

Payable to: Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Housing and Meal cost will be paid upon arrival. **If you include it with this form, it will be returned to you.**

No registration fee will be retuned after July 10.

Send the entire form printed below with your $10.00 to:

Kathryn Shea
300 Cleco Dr. #101
Pineville, LA 71360
(318) 443-6566

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Funds received from United Methodist Women for "HOPE AND WHOLENESS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH" will be used to support projects which meet needs of young people 8 to 18 years of age in the areas of health concerns, non-formal education, spiritual well-being, care-taking concerns, and young people in crisis. These one-time grants will not exceed $6,000. Applications must be on official forms and be received by July 1.

The goals of the 1993 CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL observance, under the theme "Environment and Health," focus on projects or programs that deal with environmental problems affecting the health of women, children and youth. The grants do not exceed $25,000. Applications must be on official forms and be received by August 31.

For copies of the official forms and further information, please write to your conference president:

Norma S. Winegeart
254 Forest Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71104-4507

This year, our School will be privileged to have **Dr. Carol Walker** with us. She will conduct a special workshop on Saturday evening. Dr. Walker is a United Methodist missionary, having served in Manila, Lebanon, Uruguay, Peru, China and Hong Kong for 19 years. She will deepen our awareness of Peace With Justice issues and stimulate us to provide Christian Leadership in our communities and state.

Dr. Carol Walker

REGISTRATION FORM - LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION - CENTENARY COLLEGE

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Studies: Everyone participates in the study of "Matthew".

Also choose one of the following:
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Room No. _____

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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE U.M.W. FIVE-STAR UNITS - 1991-92

Our Conference FIVE-STAR UNDESIGNATED GIVING PROGRAM for 1991-92 expanded 57% to include 27 more units, for a total of 74 units.
These units answered the call to participate in the TOTAL PROGRAM OF MISSION carried out through the Women's Division. The foundation for mission work through United Methodist Women is the UNIT PLEDGE of prayer, time and undesignated Giving also help us toward becoming whole persons through Jesus Christ.

All rejoice together when one member is honored through SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION. We can personally reach out to others with GIFT TO MISSION CARDS that say "Thank You", "Congratulations", "Thinking of You", affirm a missionary worker "In the Service of Christ", or celebrate "A Baby" or "Special Day". At the death of a friend or family member, the GIFT in MEMORY CARD is a beautiful memorial from the individual or group. And, the WORLD THANK OFFERING is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude.

Each channel of UNDESIGNATED GIVING calls individuals and units to say... "Here Am I Lord!", to support your mission already begun, to learn about second-mile giving, and to have a vision of mission that sends the Good News to the ends of the earth!

LOOKING AHEAD

World Federation of Methodist Women
Southern Region 8
Alabama - Louisiana - Mississippi
Seminar
May 22-23, 1993
Holiday Inn, Southwest
Jackson, Mississippi

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Louisiana Annual Conference
June 7-10, 1993

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School of Christian Mission
July 15-18, 1993
Centenary College

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UMW Annual Meeting
September 17-18, 1993
Horseshoe Drive UMC
Alexandria, Louisiana

1992-1993 ANNUAL REPORT AND DIRECTORY

All District Presidents have copies of the new 1992-1993 Annual Report and Directory for every District Officer and Local President. Conference officer's copies have been mailed. Printing costs continue to increase. **PLEASE GIVE YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER $2.00 PER COPY** to help offset this expense.

SEOLA CALLAHAN
Conference Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1991-92 FIVE-STAR UNITS:

(listed by District)

ACADIANA:	Asbury, First-Houma, First-Lafayette, First-New Iberia, Indian Bayou, Mallalieu, Memorial-Mathews. Northwood, Pharr Chapel.
ALEXANDRIA:	Fellowship-Hineston, Horseshoe Drive, Nolley Memorial-Jena, Pollock, Trinity-Bunkie.
BATON ROUGE:	Beech Grove-Clinton, Blackwater-Baker, Broadmoor, Evangeline, First-Baton Rouge, Gonzales, Ingleside, Jefferson, St. John, Wesley, Zachary.
LAKE CHARLES:	First-Lake Charles, First-Welsh, Gueydan, Henning Memorial-Sulphur, Oakdale, Prospect-Hornbeck, St. Luke-Simpson.
MONROE:	First-Monroe, First-Tallulah, McGuire-West Monroe Memorial-Bastrop, Memorial-Monroe, Mer Rouge, St. James.
NEW ORLEANS:	Gretna, Lutcher, Metairie, Mount Zion, St. Luke's, St. Matthew's-Metairie
NORTH SHORE:	Centenary-Franklinton, E.S. Memorial-Bogalusa, First-Denham Springs, First Hammond, First Ponchatoula, First Slidell, Fitzgerald-Covington, Lacombe, Live Oak-Watson, Nesom-Hammond, St. Timothy-Mandeville, Walker
RUSTON:	Farmerville, First-Minden, Heflin, Hodge, Homer, Jonesboro, Springhill, Wesley Chapel
SHREVEPORT:	Asbury-Bossier City, Broadmoor, Caddo Heights, First Bossier, First-Mansfield, First-Shreveport, Lakeview, North Highlands, Summer Grove.

Answer the Call for support of the U.M.W. Total Mission program! Say "Here Am I Lord!" Be a Five Star Unit In 1993!

Shalom,
Mary Quinones
Secretary for Financial Interpretation

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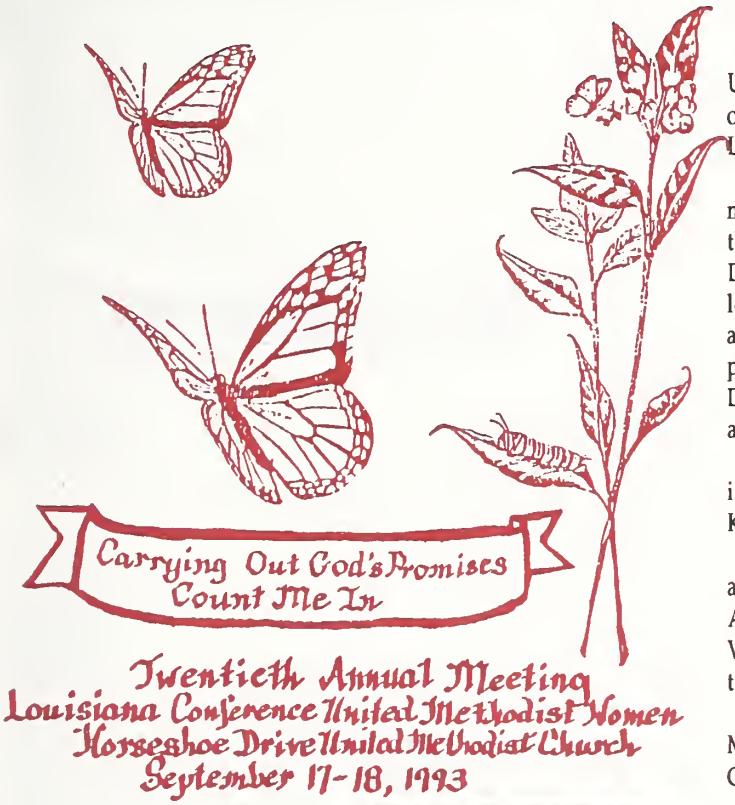


HORSESHOE DRIVE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1600 Horseshoe Drive
Alexandria, Louisiana

The Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana on Friday, September 17, 1993.

Conference President, Norma Winegeart will preside over the meeting. Mrs. Winegeart will retire from her office at the close of the Conference. Rev. Jack Winegeart, who was pastor of Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church during the construction of the lovely sanctuary, will help serve communion and will close the annual meeting with a Sending Forth. Reverend Larry O'Dell, pastor of the host church; Esther Sanson, president of the Alexandria District; and Jane Deville, local president, will welcome participants as they gather for this yearly celebration of world missions.

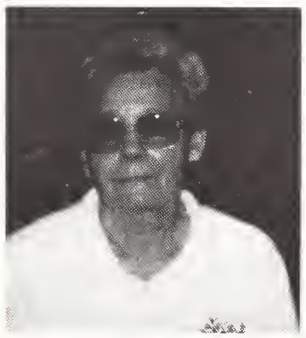
The theme, "Carrying Out God's Promises--Count Me in," will inspire each member to render greater love and service in the Kingdom of God in the field of missions.

Janet Rae Wreath, a General Board of Global Ministries Director, and Rev. Rob Thompson, Director of Dulac Center, will address the Annual Meeting on Friday evening. Betty Carlin, UMW Conference Vice-President, will narrate a question and answer period following the talks.

Betty Carlin is the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Muriel Miller is Chairperson of Local Arrangements; Jane Deville is Co-Chairperson.

Alexandria is located at the geographic center of the state; the town derives much of its history and character from the Red River. Area attractions include the Hotel Bentley, Kent House Plantation, Loyd Hall Plantation, Alexandria Zoological Park, museums, galleries, antique shops and outdoor recreation.

See you in Alexandria!



Betty Carlin
Chairperson, Annual Meeting

Muriel Miller
Chairperson, Local Arrangements

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Norma Winegeart
Conference President

Jane Wreath, Women's Division director, will be our keynote speaker for the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana United Conference Methodist Women. The meeting will be held September 17-18, 1993 at the Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

The Annual Meeting Task Group under the capable leadership of Betty Carlin has planned an excellent program for us. The local arrangements group has met monthly under the guidance of the assistant chairperson, Muriel Miller. Jane Deville is the president of the Horseshoe UMW and Esther Sanson is president of the Alexandria District.

Following the Conference Standing Rules this publication will list the nominees for elected leadership. Local units will be represented at the annual meeting of the conference organization on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regardless of size shall be entitled to at least one delegate.

Membership of each local unit will be determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory of the conference organization, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

The voting membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons: the members of the Executive Committee, the delegates from the local units, the district elected officers, the spouse of the resident bishop, presidents of all predecessor organizations.

Each one registered is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until returning home. The insurance fee, cost of packets, and other general expenses are covered by the registration fee.

REGISTER NOW!!! Every United Methodist Woman is responsible for her own registration and housing arrangements.

Norma S. Winegeart, president

ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations of nominees for office to be elected at the annual meeting in September, 1993:

Nominated for election to a two year term:

President:
Pat Cobb, 7117 Memphis St., New Orleans, LA 70124

Secretary:
Fannie Reddix, 1330 Cambronne, New Orleans, LA 70118

Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns:
Marie Young, 3017 N. 12th St., West Monroe, LA 71291

Chairperson, Committee on Membership:
Harriette Elrod, 111 DeSoto St., Tallulah, LA 71282

Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations:
Kathleen Conrad, 107 Kansas St., Lafayette, LA 70501

Nominated for re-election to another two year term:

Secretary of Program Resources:
Lottie Palazzo, 2221 Elizabeth St., Metairie, LA 70003

Nominated for election to Committee on Nominations for a three year term:

Elouise Sanders, Rt. 1 Box 53, Arcadia, LA 71001

Nominated for election to Committee on Nominations for a four year term:

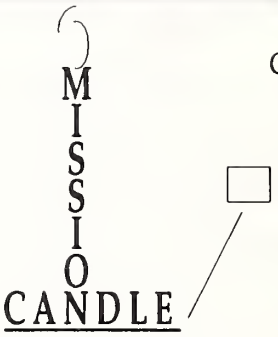
Joyce Armstrong, Rt. 9, Box 147, Slidell, LA 70461
Joan Miller, Rt. 1, Box 218 K, Ville Platte, LA 70586

Respectively Submitted:
Barbara Hamilton
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations

THE MISSION CANDLE

THE 1993 COST OF MISSION SUPPORT:

1 Second	$ .65
1 Minute	$ 39.17
5 Minutes	$ 195.85
1 Hour	$2,350.20



CELEBRATE UMW

* PAST
* PRESENT
* FUTURE

The lighting of the MISSION CANDLE will again be a significant part of our CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING, to be held this year on September 17-18, at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church, Alexandria. The Mission Candle was first burned at the 1979 Conference Annual Meeting as a Centennial Celebration of women organized for mission. Because of the loving and diligent promotion of Janet Hoffpauir followed by Shirley Hoffpauir serving as Conference Treasurers, the tradition of the Mission Candle has evolved to represent our past, present and future as women organized for mission. Units and individuals will want to be a part of this meaningful expression of our united commitment to a worldwide program of mission outreach.

Gifts may be given IN MEMORY or IN HONOR of persons whose names will be inscribed (by district) in a CONFERENCE MISSION BOOK displayed near the candle.

The MISSION CANDLE will burn for the exact length of time our total gifts will support mission through the Women's Division. When these funds would be used up, the candle will be extinguished. OUR GOAL is to burn the candle throughout the Conference Annual Meeting. This goal can be realized if every local unit gives 1-minute or more for the MISSION CANDLE. However, there is no minimum or maximum gift requirement. All monies are incorporated into each District's PLEDGE TO MISSION.

PROGRAM

"CARRYING OUT GOD'S PROMISES--COUNT ME IN"

Theme Hymn: "Hymn of Promise" Scripture: II Cor. 1:20-21 (NIV)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:00 P.M.

Prelude ..... Ann Jones
Convening of the Twentieth Annual Meeting... Norma S. Winegeart
Affirming Our Purpose (In Unison)
Welcome .....Rev. Larry O'Dell, Jane Deville & Esther Sanson
Recognition of Visitors..... Norma S. Winegeart
Presentation of Program..... Betty Carlin & Muriel Miller
Lighting of the Mission Candle ..... Judy Rountree
Theme Hymn, "Hymn of Promise" ..... #707
Opening Devotional ..... Rev. Elizabeth Northen
Special Music .....Connie Chenevert
Greetings..... Bishop William B. Oden and Marilyn Oden
Business Session:
President's Report ..... Norma S. Winegeart
Recommendations of the Executive committee .... Seola Callahan
Reports:
Church Women United ..... Joyce Reed
Orientation in Mission ..... Doris Brown
World Federation of Methodist Women-Lottie Palazzo & Marilyn Ray
Conference Goals for 1994 ..... Betty Carlin
Membership ..... Marilyn Ray
Finance Report and 1994 Budget ..... Kathy Shea
Committee on Nominations .....Barbara Hamilton
Election of Conference Officers ..... Norma S. Winegeart

BREAK

U.M.W. Sing ..... George & Judy Gross
Greetings from the Jurisdiction
Project Reports:
Sager-Brown Enabling Ministries ..... Sarah Schoeffler
MacDonell United Methodist Children's Services ... Gerald J. Bridges
St. Mark's Community Center
Honoring of Retiring Officers ..... Nancy M. Carruth
Close of Afternoon Session

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:00 P.M.

U.M.W. Sing ..... Phil Hardgrave & George Gross
Invocation ..... Rev. Larry O'Dell
Evening Devotional ..... Rev. Elizabeth Northen
Introduction of Special Guest ..... Betty Carlin
Message ..... Janet Wreath
Special Music ..... Horseshoe Drive and Newman Choirs
Dulac Community Center Heritage ..... Rev. Rob Thompson
Questions & Answers ..... Betty Carlin
Benediction .....Rev. Larry O'Dell

SATURDAY MORNING 8:30 A.M.

U.M.W. Sing ..... Phil Hardgrave & Rev. Elizabeth Northen
Morning Devotional ..... Rev. Don Avery
Special Music .... Horseshoe Drive and Newman Children's Choirs
Pledge Service ..... Mary Quinones
Report of Registration ..... Muriel Miller
Special Mission Recognition..... Norma S. Winegeart
Introduction of Speaker ..... Betty Carlin
Message ..... Janet Wreath
Offertory Prayer/Offering ..... Kathy Shea
Offertory Music ..... Jesse Newcomer & Ann Jones
Installation of Officers ..... Evelyn Evans
Invitation to 1994 Annual Meeting
Announcements
Adjournment

BREAK

Communion Meditation and Celebrant ..... Rev. Barbara Duke
Service of Holy Communion
Servers: Rev. Henry Blount, Rev. Oakley Edwards, Rev. Larry O'Dell, Rev. Roland Friedrich, Rev. Bob Miller, Rev. Jack Winegeart
Sending Forth ..... Rev. Jack Winegeart
Postlude ..... Ann Jones

HOUSING INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS MOTEL:

RODEWAY INN
742 MacArthur Drive
Alexandria, LA 71301

Telephone Number
318-448-1611

Room Rates:
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Room Rates:
$42.00 plus 11% tax (1,2,3 or 4 persons)

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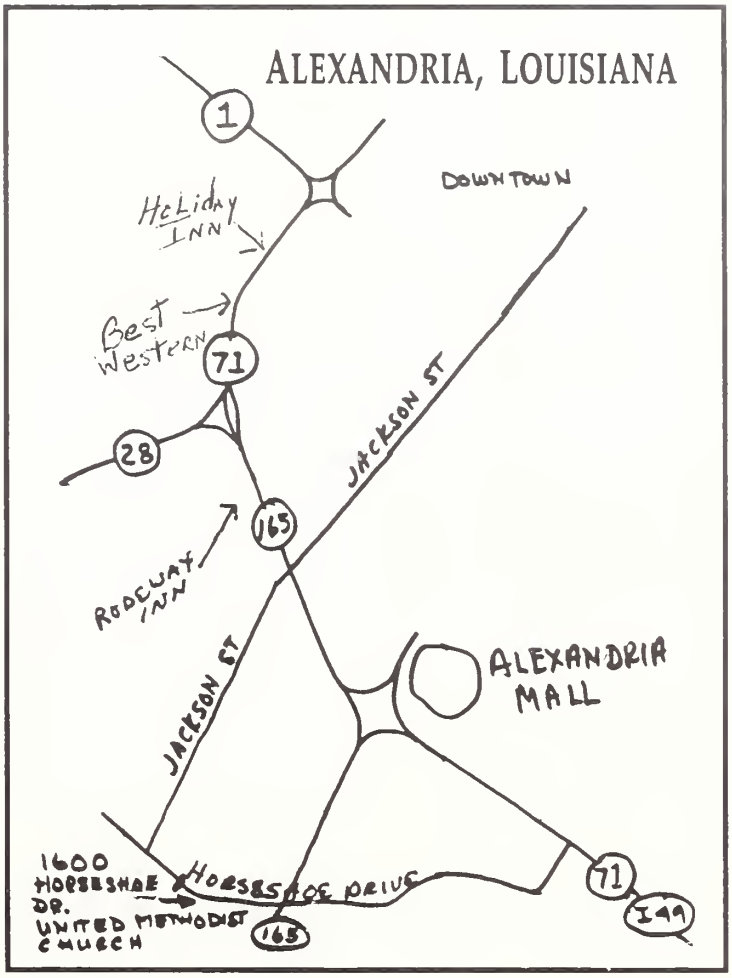
2716 North MacArthur Drive
Alexandria, LA 71303

Telephone Number
318-487-4261

Room Rates:
$45.00 plus 11% tax (1,2,3 or 4 persons)

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: September 2, 1993

Tell the Reservations Clerk that you are with United Methodist Women!



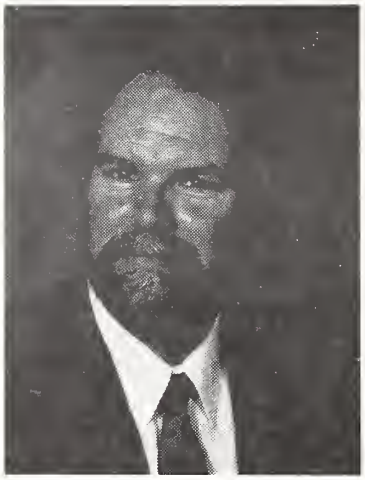
PROGRAM

JANET RAE WREATH

As a Director of the General Board of Global Ministries, Janet Rae Wreath of Marshall, Missouri has served on the Women's and National Divisions and the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department. She has been on the West Gulf Regional school team and on several Missouri West Annual Conference committees. In the First U.M.C. of Marshall, Ms. Wreath is involved in U.M.W., the choir, and Vacation Bible School. She has worked as a teacher's aid for eight years and volunteers for the Lioness Club and the Rural Health Organization. She is married to the Rev. Roger V. Wreath and they have three adult children.

REV. DON AVERY

Donald R. Avery is the District Superintendent of the Alexandria District. He was a recent clergy delegate to the 1992 South Central Jurisdictional Conference in Ft. Worth. Prior to his present appointment, he served as pastor of Neely U.M.C. in Baton Rouge for over 20 years. He graduated from Dillard University and Boston University School of Theology. He is also a graduate of Southern University School of Law. Donald is married to the former Judy Black and they have two sons, Derek and Garrett.



ROBIN K. THOMPSON

Robin K. Thompson is the Executive Director of Dulac Community Center. He is a native of Alabama and a descendent of several Methodist and Baptist clergy. He holds degrees from Clarke College, Mobile College, and New Orleans Baptist Seminary. Rob has done extensive work in the field of counseling to supplement his Master's Degree. His present position has been challenging as he deals with low income families, an economically depressed region of the state, substandard housing, rebuilding after being hit by Hurricane Juan and Hurricane Andrew. It has been a challenge to deal with the largest ecumenical effort to reach approximately 10,000 people to supply them with food, personal items, and clothing. Rob has been at Dulac since 1990.

REV. ELIZABETH NORTHEN

Elizabeth Northen was recently appointed to the Raymond/Elton charge, having served Campti/St. Maurice. She has a B.A. from Baylor and is participating in the Course of Study School at Perkins School of Theology. Prior to "answering the call" to representative ministry, she worked extensively with people who have handicapping conditions. Much of her work was done in Avoyelles Parish as Director of the Adult Day Program for people with mental retardation.

PERSONNEL

REV. LARRY O'DELL

Rev. Larry O'Dell, pastor of Horseshoe Drive U.M.C. was born in Clovis, New Mexico then moved to Minden where he completed high school. He received his B.A. degree from Southeastern University and graduated from Perkins School of Theology. He served associate pastorates at Asbury (Lafayette) and Minden and served at Wesley Chapel/Lee's Landing, Dubach/Hilly, Asbury (West Monroe), Haas Memorial (Bunkie), Westlake and Farmerville. Larry served as chairperson of the conference Board of Discipleship and is now Vice-Chairperson of Council on Finance and Administration. He is married to the former Judy Clary and they have two children, Matthew and Megan.

EVELYN EVANS

Evelyn Evans is a member of First U.M.C., Natchitoches where she teaches an adult Sunday School class and chairs the Staff/Parish Relations committee. Evelyn is also Chairperson of the District Council on Ministries for Alexandria District. She is a former District U.M.W. President, Conference U.M.W. Secretary and Dean of School of Christian Mission. She is married to Sidney Evans, Jr. and they have six children and nine grandchildren. Evelyn loves to read mysteries and do needlework.

JANE DEVILLE

Jane Deville is President of the local unit of the United Methodist Women and Co-chair of Local Arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

REV. BARBARA DUKE

Rev. Barbara Duke is a native of Colorado and a graduate of Iliff School of Theology. She was made a deacon in the Louisiana Conference in 1982 and ordained an elder in 1984. She was recently appointed to Berwick First U.M.C. Barbara chaired the Commission on Status and Role of Women for the Louisiana Conference. She is married to Rev. Jeff Duke and they have one son, Joshua. Barbara enjoys doing hand-work but her special interest lies in working through issues involving domestic violence.

NANCY M. CARRUTH

Nancy M. Carruth is a member of David Haas Memorial U.M.C., Bunkie. She has served in many capacities in conference, district, and local U.M.W. work. She is presently serving as Editor of the news paper for U.M.W. Nancy serves on the General Council on Finance and Administration, the Executive Committee of World Methodist Council, Trustee of Centenary College, and several other boards. Nancy is the mother of two children and grandmother of four. She enjoys reading and needlework.

KUDOS

Some very special words of THANKS need to be said to the families and friends of UMW members . . . for indeed all conference, district and local officers have loved ones who are our "rocks" - our support. We appreciate your kindness and understanding as we are away from home to attend various meetings -- while you look after the children and household duties.

My term of office will come to a close in September as you elect a new conference president and I would like to take this opportunity to say THANKS to several -- who are examples of the MANY.

Dr. Roscoe Reddix, Fannies's husband, has designed and constructed displays for the Learning Centers at the West Gulf Regional School and the Louisiana School of Christian Mission. He also made new district signs -- along with other art work.

Ed Ferrington, Betty's husband, made a beautiful set of banners that were used at our School of Christian Mission.

For two summers the Louisiana Conference hosted the West Gulf Regional School at Centenary College. Among the many who helped make that a great success were Evelyn Evans' sons, John and Allen, who did yeoman's work making men's dormitories more suitable for use by women, set up video machines, toted linens and did anything else that needed being done. Ray Turner and Mel Melinger (Betty's and Vi's husbands) provided transportation to and from the airport and helped in any way possible.

Geneva Bell's daughter has been gracious in staying with Geneva's husband who is ill and unable to be left alone.

Pas Quinones has made many trips to Dulac and Houma so that Mary would not have to drive alone when she attended Board meetings for Dulac Community Center, and has helped to look after "Aunt Grace" when Mary would attend out-of-town UMW events.

Rev. Dave Fortuna designed our UMW tee shirts and Annette, Misty and Wendy did the printing.

My husband, Rev. Jack Winegeart, designed the logo that is being used on our conference stationary, has made many signs and worship settings and has not complained about fewer home cooked meals and better housekeeping by me. Thanks to Jack and the First United Methodist Church of Plain Dealing for the use of the copying machine (we did pay for our materials -- but the machine was a blessing!).

Rev. Don Cottrill and Liz Lucas in the Conference office have been a joy to work with.

Dick Anders, our liaison with Centenary College, is a pleasure to work with also.

THANKS to these and the legion of others they represent.

Peace and Grace,
Norma S. Winegeart, president
Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women

AFRICA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATION

At a recent meeting of the General Council on Finance and Administration, Nancy M. Carruth was selected, along with Bishop Forrest Stith, to be the official G.C.F.A. representatives to the inauguration ceremonies at Africa University on April 23, 1994. Bishop Emilio de Carvalho will be installed as Chancellor and Dr. John Kurewa as Vice Chancellor. Nancy has made three trips to Africa in connection with the University and, as Chairperson of the Legislative Committee on Higher Education, presented the plans to the 1988 General Conference where it was overwhelmingly approved.

SCHOEFFLER HONORED

A $100 Special Mission Recognition pin and certificate were presented by the Conference UMW to Sarah Schoeffler during the Annual Conference in June. Sarah was described as the "volunteer of volunteers" -- as she has been responsible for organizing the volunteers in mission following Hurricane Andrew. She has given extensively of her time and energy in the Dulac and Sager-Brown areas.

Appreciation was also expressed to the many Volunteers in Mission who came from all over the U.S.

Norma Winegeart, LEFT, Conference president of United Methodist Women, and Seola Callahan, RIGHT, Conference secretary, give special recognition to Sara Schoeffler, lay woman, for her volunteer disaster relief work.

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 17-18, 1993
Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church
1600 Horseshoe Drive, Alexandria, LA
(318 442-1984)

Send Registration to:
Lena French
5223 Fairview Avenue
Alexandria, LA 71303

Make checks payable to:
Louisiana Conference UMW
Pre-registration: $5.00
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NAME: _____
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Check all that apply
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- Conference Executive Committee _____
- District Officer - specify _____
- Local Unit Member _____
- Former Conference President or Guild Secretary ____
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Number in Local Unit _____ District _____
Where will you be staying during the meeting?_____
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Will child care be needed? _____ ages of children

NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of expense of the meeting.

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION
SEPTEMBER 4, 1993

MORE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETING

Please fill out the registration form on this page and send the entire form to Lena French. Be sure to include your check for $5.00. Everyone who attends must pay this fee because it includes the insurance that will cover you from the time you leave home, throughout the meeting and your return home.

On Saturday morning, an offering will be received to be used in mission work, so please be prepared to contribute to this important event. Also remember our "Mission Candle" (listed elsewhere in this newsletter). This is a meaningful way to honor loved ones and help those in need at the same time.

Registration will begin at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 17 and continue through 12:30. This will be in the Scout Hut on the church grounds. A sandwich lunch will be provided in the Fellowship hall from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Following the afternoon session, delegates and guests will have options concerning their evening meal. Each District will decide whether they wish to get together as a group and they will be responsible for making their own arrangements, either by themselves or through the Alexandria Convention Bureau. (318 443-7049). District Presidents have brochures available, so please contact them if interested.

Following the Communion Service, Saturday morning, a sandwich lunch will again be served in Fellowship Hall. A post-executive committee will be held with all newly elected officers as well as retiring ones.

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

October 2:
Baton Rouge District-University U.M.C., Baton Rouge
Lake Charles District-Welsh Memorial U.M.C., Vinton
New Orleans District-Cornerstone U.M.C., New Orleans
Ruston District-First U.M.C, Minden

October 3:
Alexandria District-David Haas Memorial U.M.C., Bunkie

October 9:
Acadiana District-Trinity U.M.C., Baldwin
Monroe District-McGuire U.M.C., West Monroe
North Shore District-First U.M.C., Amite

October 10:
Shreveport District-Asbury U.M.C., Bossier City

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October 23:
District Elected Leaders' Training
First U.M.C., Pineville
Geneva Bell, Chairperson
Hilda Sills, Assistant Chairperson

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January 14-16:
Leadership Development Workshop
Tall Timbers Center
For ALL Conference Elected and Appointed Leaders and ALL District Presidents

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January 23:
United Methodist Women's Sunday
To be observed in ALL churches throughout the Conference

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February 18-19:
Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting
Tall Timbers Center

ASSEMBLY

Theme: Yes! Count Me in To Reach Out To Women, Children and Youth

The quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women will be held April 28-May 1, 1994 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Registration packets will be available at the Annual Meeting.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the Louisiana Delegation at the Omni Netherland Plaza. We have 20 rooms with two double beds for those wishing to stay 3 or 4 to a room; and 20 rooms with a queen size bed for those wishing to stay 1 or 2 to a room. These will be held until they are filled - or until February 10, 1994. You may select another hotel if you so desire.

Following Annual Meeting you will need to communicate with your new president concerning the Assembly.

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United Methodist Women

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Conference United Methodist Women Elect New Conference President

Pat Cobb

At the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, held at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Mrs. Pat Cobb of New Orleans was elected President. Pat is the wife of Earl Cobb and they have four children and six grandchildren. She is a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church where she has served as Chairperson of the Administrative Board and the Evangelism Committee. Pat has taught in both the Bethel and Disciple Bible Series and is currently Chair of the Worship Committee and a member of the Chancel and Handbell Choirs. She has chaired the New Orleans District Board of Global Ministries and served on the Conference Commission on Equitable Compensation. Pat also served as District U.M.W. President, Conference Secretary of Membership and Co-chaired the Conference Retreat. Also active in community work, Pat is on the Board of St. Mark's Community Center; serves as a driver for the Lakeview Shepherd Center "Wheels That Care" program; and is a volunteer tour guide for the City Park Botanical Gardens. Pat previously worked as a medical secretary and a floral designer and her hobbies include gardening, flower arranging, music and grandchildren. We look forward to her leadership of our Conference United Methodist Women and pledge our whole hearted support in this endeavor!

Meet Our New Officers

Other officers elected included Fannie Reddix as Secretary; Marie Young, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns; Harriette Elrod, Chairperson Committee on Membership; Kathleen Conrad, Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations. Lottie Palazzo was re-elected to another two year term as Secretary of Program Resources. Elected to the Conference Committe on Nominations were Elouise Sanders, Joyce Armstrong, and Joan Miller.

Fannie P. Reddix

Fannie Perkins Reddix is married to Dr. Roscoe C. Reddix, Sr. and they have two daughters, a son and two grandsons. She is a Vocational Business Teacher and Coordinator of Cooperative Office Education; Advisor for the Future Business Leaders of America and also serves on various committees at the school. She is a member of Mount Zion United Methodist Church in New Orleans. Fannie has served as Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations for the Conference and now assumes the office of Secretary. She will also serve as Louisiana Representative to the West Gulf Regional Planning Team and will be Dean of the 1994 School of Christian Mission. Fannie serves on the Board for Dulac Community Center. She also serves on the Louisiana Conference Board of Church and Society and the Committee on Special Ministries. Fannie participated in the massed choirs at the Louisiana Gathering in Baton Rouge.

Marie Young of West Monroe was elected Conference Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns. She is from West Monroe and has served in several offices in the United Methodist Women. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Council on Ministries of McGuire United Methodist Church where she is a member. In her Monroe District she chairs the Committee on Superintendency and the Daughenbaugh Matheny Scholarship Fund. She also serves on the Conference Board of Christian Global Ministries. Her hobbies include collecting angels and Marie's special interest lies in missions.

Marie Young

Harriette T. Elrod

Harriette Tucker Elrod is married to Lt. Col. Robert F. Elrod and they have two daughters, one son and six grandchildren. She is an educator at Hinds Community College in the field of American History. Harriette is a member of First United Methodist Church in Tallulah. She will serve the Conference as Chairperson, Committee on Membership. For the past two years she has been President of her local unit. Harriette enjoys the fellowship of United Methodist Women; outreach programs in drama to Children's Homes; music programs to the nursing homes; and presenter for Bible Study groups.

Kathleen Conrad

Kathleen Conrad was born in Geneva, N.Y. She attended Central Mo. State University. She is married to Clifton Conrad, Sr., pastor of Calvary U.M.C. in Thibodaux where she is a member and sings in the choir. Kathleen has held offices in the local unit and on the district level. She served as Historian for the Conference and is now Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations. Kathleen has been selected to serve as Louisiana Conference representative on the South Central Jurisdiction planning committee for the 1996 Quadrennial Meeting. Outside of her U.M.W. interests, she has served as district representative to the Board of Camp Istrouma and is presently serving on the Conference Parsonage Standard Committee.

Elouise Sanders

Elouise Sanders is a member of the Mt. Mariah United Methodist Church. She is the immediate past president of the Ruston District UMW. She also served for four years as the Vice-President of the Ruston District. On the local level, Elouise is presently serving as Vice-President. She has also served as President of her local unit. Elouise is a retired teacher. She taught social studies at Doyline High School for 33 years. Elouise will serve a three year term on the Committee on Nominations.

Joyce Armstrong of Slidell and **Joan Miller** of Ville Platte were elected to a four year term on the Committee on Nominations but their pictures and resumes were not available.

GREETINGS! As your new president, I wish each of you a very joyous new year. May this year bring a renewed PURPOSE to your unit, remembering what we do is for the Lord, and not ourselves.

Several opportunities are on the horizon to equip us as better leaders. In January, the Women's Division will send a team to conduct a Leadership Development Workshop for the Conference Executive Committee. The Strategic Planning Team will send a representative to the Mid-year Executive Committee to share ideas gleaned from a national survey. This representative will also meet with the Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts. There will be follow-up in local units.

Kathleen Conrad, Marie Young and I recently attended New Officer Training Event in Chicago and received much information and many ideas to help us in our responsibilities. We are eager to serve and look forward to working with you. Your ideas and concerns are important to us.

I would like to take this opportunity, publicly, to thank Norma Winegeart for making the transition of this office as smooth as possible. She continues to be cheerfully available to answer all my questions and lovingly supportive, so THANKS, NORMA.

Pat Cobb - Conference President

Reflections from the Vice-President, as the year is coming to an end. I have been looking over the District news letters, reading of the many programs which have been held over the state. The Retreat at Tall Timbers, the School of Christian Mission, the Annual Meeting to the District events and the Local programs. Some have been spiritually rewarding, some have been learning experiences. Some have made us get up and go to work to solve problems of women and children. Some have not been to our liking. Some have overwhelmed us making us feel . . . "I am only one", but you are one added to one more. Like the pennies in our Thank Bank to the dollars of our Pledge, adding all of the ones. One person, one dollar, one Program, making a Chain of help going out to the one in need. In all of this we are growing in Love and Knowledge. In Prayer to all. Thank each of you for a good year.

Betty Carlin - Vice President

KEEPING MISSION ALIVE. That was the theme of the workshop for Conference Treasurers and Conference Secretaries for Financial Interpretation that was held at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in December. Mary Quinones and I were both fortunate to be able to attend. It was an excellent session and you will be hearing more about it throughout the year.

Well, 1993 is history. The figures are in and the final report sent to Women's Division. KEEPING MISSION ALIVE is exactly what all United Methodist Women in the Conference have been doing this past year. Truly, we are aware that all our "littles" put together can make a lot that goes a long way. Thanks for all your gifts and efforts. Keep up the good work.

However, even though our "littles" did add up to a lot, it was still not enough to meet our pledge. All districts had the same problem. Your response to the Mission Candle and Mission Ribbons has been great and helped a lot. The candle burned for over four and one-half hours at Conference Annual Meeting. Your purchase of Mission Ribbons has reached $4,881.00. We gave a total amount of $223,753.60 undesignated and a total amount of $34,751.19 designated. Our pledge giving was down by $12,000. Our pledge and budget are ambitious and we just didn't fulfill our aspirations. Overall, our giving was down $20,000. We have set our sights high again for 1994. Let's go forward in faith! Together with God's help, our "littles" again can indeed make a lot.

We are fortunate indeed that ours is an organization that finances the expenses of our officers. Not all organizations do so. Let's be frugal. Keep an accurate record of your mileage. Try real hard to carpool. Keep receipts for all expenses. Refer to page 31 of your 1992-1993 Directory for expense guidelines. Adhere to them.

At our annual meeting we pledged to "CARRY OUT GOD's PROMISES" and said "Count Us In ." Remember, UMW is KEEPING MISSION ALIVE.

Kathy Shea, Conference Treasurer

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT

In the annual report from Women's Division General Board of Global Ministries given to us by Carolyn Johnson, President, the Campaign For Children was such a success and UMW commitment was so great, that the Campaign is extended to Phrase II (1994-1999): "Making The World Safe For Children."

Christian Social Involvement has been and will continue to be a part of the campaign. Evidence of our involvement is in the following articles.

In our DELT training, Muriel Miller, CSI Coordinator for the Alexandria District, passed out copies on the "Story of ABC Quilts." She included information on how the program is carried out. Ann Garrett, Ruston District also has the program. For the program, either of these two ladies can be contacted or myself.

From: Muriel M. Miller, Alex. District CSI:
During the past year the Alexandria District UMW learned of the Quilt Project and some of the women made a total of 15 Baby Quilts which were displayed at the annual District Meeting. Since that time, I delivered the quilts to the Area Coordinator who is located in Shreveport. In turn, she will see that the quilts are delivered to hospitals and/or day care centers. This project is an outgrowth of the Campaign for Children. If some of your members like to sew, they may be interested in helping with this project. Those who do like to sew may cut out squares of fabric, furnish thread and materials or help in other ways. This is a non-denominational project of love.

There are two Coordinators in the state of Louisiana:

Marilyn Gorsolowsky	Pat Cantelli
10012 Georgetown Dr.	1012 N. Howard Ave.
Shreveport, LA 71115	Metairie, LA 70003
(318) 798-1796	(504) 4693312

When the United Methodist Women (UMW) at Henning Memorial, Lake Charles District, conducted a study on women and children who were in poverty, it was discovered that many women and children were in poverty because of lack of education. So they decided to do something about poverty. How they took action is found in article written in the Lake Charles American Press, Nov. 24, 1993. These ladies Pat Cobb, then Pres. and Becky Drost contacted the Calcasieu Parish School Board, Adult Education Supervisor and things started happening. This school is in Sulphur, LA in its 4th year. Many times we need the aid of other groups or institutions to carry out our goals. Enlist the groups. We will be helping women and children in poverty and abuse.

God Bless you all,

Geneva Bell
Conference Coordinator for
Christian Social Involvement

GUIDELINES FOR CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION IN SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

The guidelines for the certificate of recognition in Supportive Community are:

1. Observe the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths. Give date of observance. Explain how it was observed.
2. Use items from the Suggestions for Local Units in the Implementation of the Charter for Racial Justices Policies, as received from the Women's Division.
3. Complete the Questionnaire for Discussion Choices: Reforming the Health Care System.
4. Read and discuss the booklet, "To be Part of the Whole" This is A Statement of Faith & Call to Action: Study Guide on The Church & Persons with Handicapping Conditions.

DEADLINES: Send application to District Supportive Community Coordinator by July 1st.

District Coordinators of Supportive Community send to Conference Coordinator of Supportive Community by August 1st.

CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Guidelines will be given to District Coordinators at DELT, each year as material received from the Women's Division for implementation; however, items 1 and 2 will be included each year during this quadrennium.

If applications are needed contact your District Coordinator of Supportive Community.

Hilda D. Sills
Conference Coordinator of Supportive Community

The Christian Personhood team got off to a good start at D.E.L.T. Seven District C.P.s attended. The enthusiasm was very gratifying and I am looking forward to our working together during the year.

By now local units should have their plans made to observe "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." This can be any time January through March. The offering received will go to help mission projects here and abroad.

Begin Reading Now! The reading program has many good books in each of the four mission emphases. May I suggest a very good book for your reading--"Land of Sickle and Crosses" by Marilyn Brown Oden. This book is about United Methodist Initiative in the C.I.S. I was very pleased with the participation in the 1993 Reading Programs. There was a total of 382 readers. Let us strive for 500 in 1994.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the World Thank Offering-31 Wonderful Days in October. Will you put an offering into your Thank Bank each day in '94. This can be your way of saying "Thank you God for the many blessings you have given me."

Please let me know if I can help with any of your concerns. If I don't know the answers, I will find someone who can help you.

Helen M. Allemond
Conference Coordinator for Christian Personhood

PROGRAM RESOURCES

All United Methodist Women should participate in one of the four plans of the Reading Program in order to:

- expand understanding of and participation in God's mission;
- increase sensitivity to all human beings - their needs, interests and concerns;
- explore issues facing humanity today;
- grow in understanding of scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life;
- enhance self-knowledge and act from the knowledge;
- strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

Also, all women can benefit from subscribing to the Mission Resources Mailing Service. For $30, you receive a sample copy of new resources published by Service Center for a full year. Send name, address and $30 to:

Mission Resources Mailing Service
c/o Service Center
7820 Reading Road, Caller 1800
Cincinnati, Ohio 45222-1800

Brighten your life by reading!!
Lottie Palazzo, Conference Program Resources
2221 Elizabeth Street
Metairie, LA 70003

WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN

The World Federation of Methodist Women, involving four Methodist denominations - Christian Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion and United Methodist - meets every five years on international, national, regional and state levels. For 1994, United Methodist Women issue the invitation for the state meeting, to be held Saturday, January 22, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 303 N. Ash St., Bunkie. Mrs. Gwendolyn Butler is Chairperson and Dr. Marilyn Ray is Vice-Chairperson.

Subjects chosen for presentation are "Child Abuse" and "Aging." A member of the Council on Aging, and Dr. Richard Hodges of New Orleans Children's Home will be among the members of a panel for information on these two vital matters.

Pre-registration cost is $10, with late registration (after the January 15 deadline) $12.50. This cost includes lunch. Mrs. Helen Buckner is Registrar.

On-site Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on January 22, with opening worship at 10:00, "Child Abuse" being the morning topic and "Aging" the afternoon topic. We expect the concluding communion service to end by 3:00 p.m.

All women of the Methodist churches are invited to participate in this meaningful event.

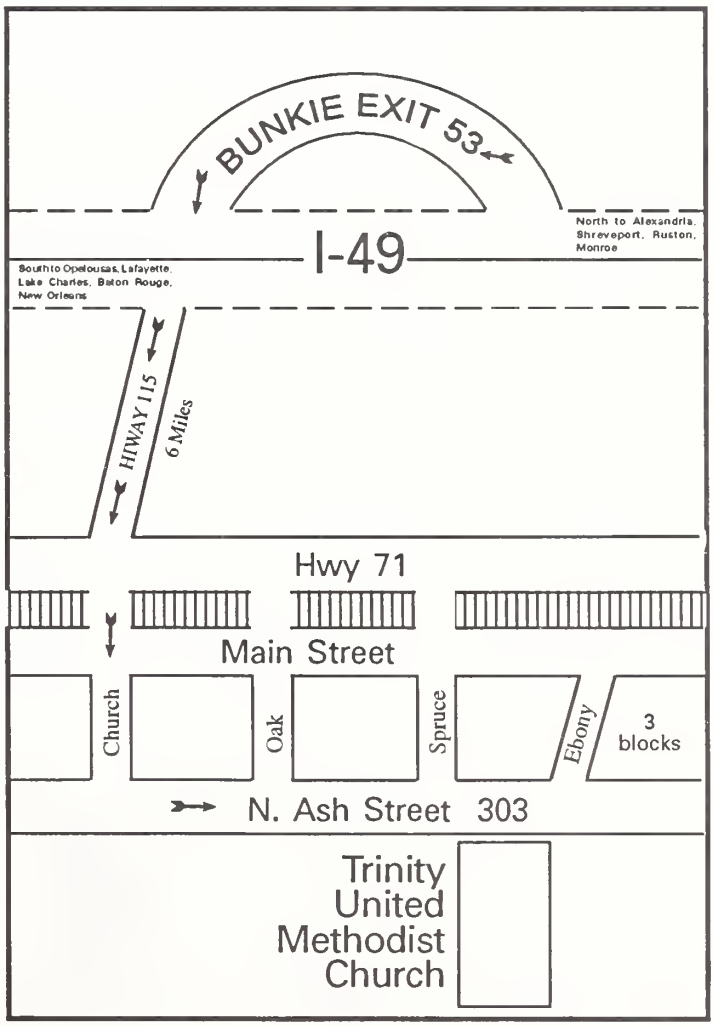
Registration ($10.00) to: Mrs. Helen Buckner
8181 Lake Forest Blvd., Ct. 8 #139,
New Orleans, LA 70126
Before Jan. 15

TRANSPORTATION PLANS FOR ASSEMBLY

JoAnne Wilshusen, a former director of Women's Division and study-leader in our conference several times, now owns a travel agency in Corpus Christi, Texas. She and her staff have pledged to give to the Assembly offering 15% of their commission for all Assembly travel, by air or train, booked through the agency.

They can negotiate the best fares, including a 10% discount for those over age 62.

The toll-free number is 1-800-928-8728 for UniGlobe Agency. Be sure to tell them you are traveling to Cincinnati for Assembly, April 28 - May 1.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DESIGNING A LOGO FOR THIS MEETING, FOLLOW THE RULES BELOW:

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MAY 3-5, 1996, Omaha, Nebraska

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*** * SCRIPTURE * ***
JESUS SAID TO THEM, 'FOLLOW ME, AND... '"

MATTHEW 4:19 NRSV

1. The design which best represents the theme and the scripture will be chosen.
2. The design must be entirely original. No copyrighted material may be used.
3. Anyone may enter, not just United Methodist Women.
4. The designer of the selected logo will be notified by April 1, 1994, and will receive credit in the Quadrennial Meeting Program Book.
5. Submit your design on 8 1/2" x 11" plain white paper.
6. Use **BLACK** ink or marker. Pencil is permissible if design is dark. Outline drawings reproduce well.
7. Designer's name and complete address must appear **ON THE BACK**.

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BY JANUARY 31, 1994 *

United Methodist Women

Dec. 3 - 5 marked a new beginning for newly elected conference officers, President Pat Cobb, Marie Young, Christian Global Concerns Coordinator and Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations, Kathleen Conrad, as they attended New Officer Training Event (NOTE) in Chicago, Illinois.

Training for the new officers, by the Women's Division, presented a complete picture of United Methodist Women working together as a supportive community and demonstrated the expansion of the concept of mission through skits, hands on training, worship and various presentations.

Biblical and Theological training was stressed in emphasizing the purpose of UMW. A special focus on the history, finances, current issues, as well as the concerns of the General Board of Global Ministries were addressed with a special emphasis on the National and World Divisions of Mission Education and Cultivation programs. Basic job responsibilities of the newly elected positions were discussed during sectional training session for each office.

Many new ideas were shared and each officer gained insights for their elected positions. The foundation has been set by the Women's Division. The newly elected officers of the Louisiana Conference, agree that there is a lot that can be incorporated to encourage growth within the United Methodist Women's organization.

Kathleen Conrad
Secretary of Publicity & Public Relations

U.M.W. PROGRAM FOR UNDESIGNATED GIVING

CONGRATULATIONS! to the following local units who worked together to attain Five-Star Status during 1992-93:

ACADIANA: First-Houma, Indian Bayou, Mallalieu-Lafayette, Northwood-Lafayette

ALEXANDRIA: Horseshoe Drive, Nolley Memorial-Jena, Trinity-Bunkie, Fellowship-Hineston

BATON ROUGE: First-Baton Rouge, Beech Grove-Clinton, Blackwater, Broadmoor, First-Gonzales, Ingleside, Jefferson, St. Andrew, St. John, Camphor, Wesley, St. Mark, Evangeline.

LAKE CHARLES: First-DeRidder, Iowa, First-Lake Charles, St. Luke-Simpson, University, Prospect-Hornbeck, Henning Memorial-Sulphur, Wesley-Sulphur, Ville Platte

MONROE: First-Bastrop, First-Monroe, First-Tallulah, Memorial, St. James

NEW ORLEANS: Cornerstone, Mount Zion, St. Matthew's-Metairie, St. Paul's-Harahan, Lutcher

NORTH SHORE: E S Memorial-Bogalusa, Fitzgerald-Covington, First-Denham Springs, Lacombe, St. Timothy-Mandeville, First-Ponchatoula, Loranger, First-Slidell, Hartzell-Mt. Zion-Slidell, Live Oak-Watson, First-Hammond, Pine Ridge-Kentwood

RUSTON: Arcadia, Bernice, Brushwood-Duberly, Cotton Valley, Farmerville, Gibsland, Haynesville, Heflin, Hodge, Homer, Jonesboro, First-Minden, Trinity, Wesley Chapel-Ruston, Springhill

SHREVEPORT: Asbury-Bossier City, First-Bossier City, First-Mansfield, Wesley-Mansfield, Plain Dealing, Broadmoor, Caddo Heights, Christ, First-Shreveport, Lakeview, Mangum, Noel, Zwolle

For 1993-94, we encourage all local units to "reach for the stars" and be counted among those who are **LEARNING THE JOYS OF GIVING** through all **FIVE CHANNELS OF UNDESIGNATED GIVING!**

NEW - LOUISIANA CONFERENCE U.M.W. TEE-SHIRTS

NOW AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE! We plan to wear them on Friday at the U.M.W. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, April 28-May 1, 1994, in Cincinnati, Ohio. They will be Jade Color, imprinted with White and Fuchsia. (We also plan to wear them together one day at Regional School of Christian Mission, Conference School of Christian Mission and Conference Annual Meeting!)

Available in Sizes Medium, Large or X-Large - for the same LOW PRICE OF . . . $9.00 Per Shirt. Please fill out the order form below, attach payment - **Checks & Money Orders Only (No Cash) issued to Louisiana Conference UMW, and Mail to: Louisiana Conference UMW, C/O Mary Quinones, 4904 Bissonet Dr., Metairie, LA 70003.**

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FROM YOUR FINANCIAL INTERPRETER

Mary Quinones

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CENTER U.M.W. PROJECT - ROOM FURNISHINGS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR "SECOND-MILE GIVING"

At our Conference Annual Meeting in September, 1993, we unanimously adopted this U.M.W. Project, as a conference, as districts, and as local units, to give "second-mile" toward furnishing guest rooms at our New Conference Center. By furnishing rooms that we will be staying in overnight for our meetings, this project is in keeping with our Purpose - to furnish something basic to the needs of those in mission. United Methodist Women are indeed in Mission!

It has been determined that the cost to furnish each guest room will be between $3,000 - $5,000. By choosing this project we do not set a specific amount of money to be raised by each district or local unit. Any funds raised should be transmitted through the regular U.M.W. channels for giving, i.e. local unit to district treasurer to conference treasurer, and reported as a "Designated Supplementary Gift for Special Emphasis: New Louisiana Conference Center - Room Furnishings'."

Please Note: Gifts for this project should **in no way** affect our Pledge to Mission and other Undesignated Giving, which is our primary purpose. It is further recommended that gifts for this project not be "in memory" or "in honor".

Presidents and Treasurers are the ones we are "counting on" to promote this new and on-going opportunity to be in mission within our Louisiana Conference.
CAN WE "COUNT YOU IN"?

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"BY AIR MAIL - FROM HONG KONG"

In 1993, Nancy Meinel of our Monroe district sent a "birthday message" to a missionary in Hong Kong who shared her birthday. She got this information by looking up the date of her own birthday in the Prayer Calendar and there finding the missionary's name. Nancy sent an "In the Service of Christ" Gift to Mission Card to Loren & Carol Stanton, whose reply on a beautiful postcard was as follows:

"Thank you for the birthday message. Loren has been to Monroe in '87 or '88 for a missions gathering. He also has friends from there that went on the same short term mission trip to Central America in 1979. Because of that trip we are now missionaries. We have one 2 yr. old son. Peter Wesley (born May 24th) and another due in November. Carol is from California and is a teacher here, and Loren is from Alaska. Loren is trying to ensure freedom of religion in Hong Kong after it is transferred to China in 1997.

Signed: Loren

P.S. We'll put you on our mailing list.

Thank you, Nancy, for sharing your card with us. It really is a small world when we think of Loren's friends from Monroe and the blessing we all have received by his making that trip with them to Central America in 1979. We are especially glad that you made mission personal by sending the "In the Service of Christ" card to Loren. **Surely there is a message here for us all!**

January 14-16	**Conference Leadership Development Workshop** Tall Timbers Center *(For ALL Conference Elected and Appointed Leaders and ALL District Presidents)*
January 23	**United Methodist Women's Sunday** - To be observed in ALL churches throughout the Conference
January 22	**World Federation of Methodist Women Conference** Trinity United Methodist Church Bunkie, LA
February 18-19	**Mid-Year Executive Committee** Tall Timbers Center
March 18-19	**Church Women United Assembly**
April 28-May 1	**United Methodist Women Assembly** Cincinnati, Ohio
July 21-24	**School of Christian Mission** Centenary College, Shreveport Fannie Reddix, Dean Mary Quinones, Assistant Dean
September 16-17	**U.M.W. Conference Annual Meeting** Broadmoor United Methodist Church Shreveport Mary Margaret Barr, Chairperson Rose Lynne Fitzgerals, Asst. Ch.
October	**District Annual Meetings**
October	**District Elected Leaders' Training** Marie Young, Chairperson Harriette Elrod, Asst. Ch.

On behalf of the retiring Conference officers I wish to express our deep appreciation for your many kindnesses to us, especially for the Special Mission Recognition pins and certificates which represented a $1,850 gift to missions. Also, the Conference Annual Meeting offering which was given in our honor was another $1,341.10 undesignated gift to missions. And, many of us found our names in the Mission Candle Book. The Mission Candle offering totaled another $10,938.66 undesignated gifts to missions.

You know that nothing could make us happier - for after all our mission program is what we are all about.

Some funds, in our honor, have been channeled through the Conference Center Project - to furnish rooms in the name of UMW. Personally, I hope that this project will be a successful one - but it must be over and above giving. Please, you must pay your pledge to missions first. After all, our mission work is what we are all about!

THANKS for your love and your generosity!

Norma S. Winegeart
Former Conference President

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Toward Joyful Christian Discipleship

JULY 21-24, 1994

THE 1994 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION WILL CONVENE JULY 21-24, 1994 AT CENTENARY COLLEGE IN SHREVEPORT. THE EMPHASIS OF SCHOOLS OF CHRISTIAN MISSION FOR MEMBERS OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS TWO-FOLD: 1) the global mission of the mission of the church and responsibility of Christians within it; and 2) the training of leadership and membership for promotion and interpretation of the PURPOSE and total program of United Methodist Women. These are implemented through an integrated program of mission education, spiritual renewal, Christian social action and program planning.

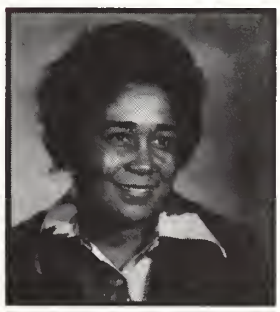
The theme for this year's school is "TOWARD JOYFUL CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP." Throughout the Bible, we find stories of a variety of families struggling to live according to God's law and leading, in various social, economic and political circumstances. From Genesis to Revelation, scripture reveals an expanding concept of the family of God, from nomadic tribes to the whole inhabited earth. Jesus was born into and nurtured in a family. In his ministry, he enjoyed the hospitality of many families and provided life-changing ministries for individual family members.

As we celebrate the gift of family relationships, we remember that if the world is to be made safe for today's children and future generations we must respond to the challenge to be dynamic witnesses for life and stewardship of all elements that make life possible.

In Africa, economic and social pressures, drought and other natural disasters and militarism have greatly affected citizens across the continent. Individual Christians and the churches of Africa are leading in addressing these issues in their nations.

Mary and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. We invite you to participate in the studies: "FAMILY: DRAWING THE CIRCLE WIDE;" "AFRICAN CHURCHES SPEAK," and "MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR CHILDREN."

Fannie Reddix



Fannie P. Reddix
Dean

Mary Quinones
Assistant Dean

Newsletter

Patt Cobb
Conference President

I am excited about the studies planned for this year's School of Christian Mission. The theme, "Toward a Joyful Christian Discipleship" encompasses the subjects: **Family: Drawing the Circle Wide, African Churches Speak,** and **Making the World Safe for Children.** This can be a time of personal enrichment, as well as a way of making local units stronger. Come, like a sponge, soak it up, and take it back home.

We have been blessed to have several ecumenical events early this year. The **World Federation of Methodist Women** met January 22, 1994, in Bunkie at Trinity United Methodist Church. Louisiana State Seminar Chairperson Gwendolyn L. Walker, Dr. Marilyn Ray and Lottie Palazzo, all United Methodists, were part of this excellent program. The statewide annual Assembly of Church Women United met in New Orleans March 18-19 at Lakeview Presbyterian Church. Kathryn Shea and Mary Quinones, Conference Treasurer and Secretary of Financial Interpretation, respectively, led a financial workshop at this gathering. Current president is Joyce Reed, a United Methodist from Baton Rouge. We are proud of the involvement of United Methodist Women in these ecumenical endeavors.

The **Quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women** will take place April 28-May 1, 1994, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Over 120 women are registered from the Louisiana Conference. We are anticipating a great time of worship, education and fellowship.

As of this writing, ground-breaking ceremonies for the new Conference Center near Alexandria are scheduled for May 28. Watch the Louisiana Methodist Reporter for details. Local units are encouraged to support this project financially (we look forward to having many UMW events there) however, *please* meet your Pledge to Missions first. We have failed to meet the Conference Pledge in recent years and this must definitely be second-mile giving. Plan now to channel some of the funds from your bazaars and other fund-raisers to this cause. Remit funds through the District Treasurer, marked "Conference Center."

Your conference elected leaders, the dean, assistant dean and study group leaders for our School of Christian Mission will go for training at the WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, June 22-26, 1994.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Louisiana School of Christian Mission on the Centenary Campus, July 21-24. Fannie Reddix, Dean, Mary Quinones, Assistant Dean, and the School Committee have great plans. Come to learn, be inspired, meet new friends, and make a renewed commitment to Christ and United Methodist Women.

Pat Cobb-*Conference President*

School of Missions

1994 CALL WOMEN TO BE COUNTED IN

Mark your calender for July 21 to July 24 and prepare for a spirit filled adventure at the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission.

Dean, Fannie Reddix and members of the planning committee have designed a program that eagerly awaits your participation.

Registration begins promptly at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 21, at James Dormitory at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The Learning Center and Resource room will take on a new location due to scheduled remodeling program on the campus. Plans are well underway for the biggest and best school yet!

Each night there is a planned fellowship hour with special entertainment related to the three topics of study which are:

- Family: Drawing the Circle Wide
- Making the World Safe for Children
- African Churches Speak

Don't forget your displays and remember they need to be ready for viewing during the time of registration. Bring your new Conference Tee shirt. If you have not ordered your conference "Tee shirt please do so by placing your order with Mary Quinones, 4904 Bissonet Dr., Metairie, LA 70003. The price is $9.00 for sizes S M L and XL. Extra Extra Large is available for an additional dollar.

Make your plans to attend now and bring a friend. Remember we can't spell United Methodist Women without "U".

Kathleen Conrad
Secretary of Publicity and
Public Relations

Throughout the Bible, we find stories of a variety of families struggling to live according to God's law and leading in various social, economic and political circumstances. Each one's experiences centers upon the Christian presence among all of us as members of God's family. Together, we recommit our lives to joyful Christian discipleship.

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Schedule-School of Christian Missions

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1994

9:00 - 12:00	Registration - James Dormitory
9:00 - 12:00	Learning Center/Resource Room (SUB)
11:00 - 12:00	First Timer Orientation (TBA)
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch
12:45 - 1:00	Community Sings - Kilpatrick Auditorium
1:00 - 1:45	Gathering for All - Kilpatrick Auditorium
2:00 - 3:00	Class - Family and African Churches Speak
3:15 - 4:45	Class - Making the World Safe for Children and Family
4:15 - 5:00	Learning Center and Resource Room (SUB)
5:00 - 5:30	Free Time
5:30 - 6:30	Supper
6:30 - 6:45	Community Sings
6:45 - 7:45	Special Guest - Mrs. Brenda Carlin
8:00 - 9:00	Fellowship, Coffee, Refreshments (SUB)

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 1994

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 8:45	Worship
9:00 - 12:00	Family and African Churches Speak (Those who are scheduled for Making the World Safe for Children–will go to Family now)
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Free Time
1:00 - 2:00	Learning Center and Resource Room (SUB)
2:00 - 5:00	Class - Making the World Safe for Children and Family (Those who are scheduled for African Churches–will go to Family now)
5:00 - 5:30	Free Time
5:30 - 6:30	Supper
6:30 - 6:45	Community Sings - Kilpatrick Auditorium
6:45 - 7:45	UMW Focus - Kilpatrick Auditorium
8:00 - 9:00	Fellowship, Coffee, Refreshments (SUB)

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 1994

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 8:45	Worship
9:00 - 12:00	Family and African Churches Speak (Those who are scheduled for Making the World Safe for Children–will go to Family now)
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
12:45 - 1:45	Workshop for Mini-School Study Leaders
1:00 - 2:00	Free Time
1:00 - 2:00	Learning Center and Resource Room (SUB)
2:00 - 5:00	Making the World Safe for Children and Family (Those who are scheduled for African Churches–will go to Family now)
5:00 - 5:30	Free Time
5:00 - 5:30	Learning Center and Resource Room (SUB)
5:30 - 6:30	Supper
6:45 - 7:45	Women's Division Focus
8:00 - 9:00	Fellowship, Coffee, Refreshments (SUB)

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1994

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:15	Family and African Churches Speak
9:30 - 10:30	Making the World Safe for Children and Family
10:55 -	Sunday Morning Worship - Brown Chapel
	No Lunch - ***HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME***

Housing-Meals-Fees

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. If we exceed 266, Cline Dormitory will be used. The dorms will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. **Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space.** All rooms have two single beds with adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice of a roommate.

BRING bed linens, pillow, **BLANKET**, towels, etc. You will also need clothes hangers and **A CUP FOR MORNING COFFEE**. The rooms have phone jacks, so if you would like bring a telephone. Air conditioning often makes the classrooms cold so bring a sweater. Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear and a tote bag should complete the list.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATIONS YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms.

All who stay on campus must purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with a policy of Centenary College. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. Meal prices are: Breakfast $3.75, Lunch $4.25 and Supper $4.75. Because of the cafeteria arrangement for preparing and serving food. SPECIAL DIETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

Also in accordance with the policy of Centenary College is the rule that **THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING WITHIN THE DORMITORIES OR ANY OTHER BUILDING ON CAMPUS.**

Anyone not a member of the School Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to carpool SHALL PAY **$13.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS AS YOU GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE.**

YOUR ADDRESS ON CAMPUS WILL BE:
James Dormitory-P.O. Box 41188-Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: (318) 869-5313

HOUSING AND MEALS (To be paid upon arrival at School)

Meals	(9 meals)	38.25
Housing	(3 nights)	39.00

George and Judy Cross

The Joyful Music of Christian Discipleship

Coordinating the music for this year's School are Judy and George Gross, from First UMC, Pineville. This "dynamic duo" both play the piano, sing, direct adult, youth and children's choirs, and the FUMC Handbell Ensemble.

Judy has a degree from the University of South Carolina in music. George has been playing piano for over 20 years and is the pianist for FUMC, Pineville.

The Grosses are the parents of the Hill Sisters, originally from Sumter, South Carolina, ages 13-19, with abounding musical talent which they lovingly share with the church and throughout the state.

If YOU wish to be a part of our SCHOOL CHOIR, look for a notice of when and where to meet with Judy and George upon arrival at School of Mission. Every year we are blessed by your participation. Help us joyfully proclaim through song our Christian Discipleship!

Introducing 1994 School of African Churches Speak

Rev. Arnold V. Brown

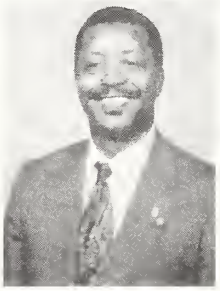
Rev. Arnold V. Brown is a native of Franklinton, Louisiana and is married to Doris Brown; they have a son. Rev. Brown earned his Biology Pre-Med degree from Dillard University, New Orleans, LA; Master of Divinity Degree from Gammon Theological Seminary. He is the pastor of Neely United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, LA. Prior to his present church, he served as pastor of St. James and Round Grove United Methodist Churches/ Shreveport, LA; Counsellor in Elementary Summer Camp at Caney Lake; Shreveport Council on Ministries; Shreveport Board of Ordained Ministries, and is presently serving on the LA Conference Board of Pension. Rev. Brown has taught in Baton Rouge District Mini School of Christian Mission, and in the Baton Rouge School of Christian Mission.

Mrs. Anne C. Hearn

Mrs. Anne C. Hearn has served as a Study Leader for conferences and retreats for many years. She earned her BS degree, Magna Cum Laude from Louisiana Tech University and has done graduate work at Boston University and McNeese State University. She is a former Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns on the local, district, and conference levels; member of Louisiana Conference Board of Global ministries, Conference Hunger Task Force; Speaker for World Federation of Methodist Women and Delegate to the World Methodist Council in Singapore and Nairobi. She was an official visitor, World Council of Churches, Canberra, Australia in 1991. She has taught schools of Christian Mission since 1975 on the Regional as well as Conference levels. Anne has traveled in 44 countries, visiting mission activities throughout the world. Her latest mission trip was to Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh; England and Scotland with visits to sites of John Wesley's ministries. She is married to Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn, Resident Bishop of Texas Conference; they have four adult children, and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Ernestine C. Dixon

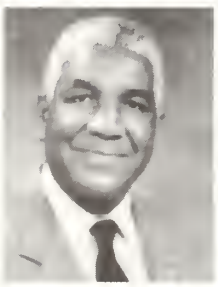
Mrs. Ernestine C. Dixon is a native of Dial, TX and is married to Ernest T. Dixon; they have four children; one deceased. She earned her B.S. from Prairie View University, Prairie View, TX; M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY; and her Ph.D. from Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX. She has taught in the public schools in Ft. Worth, TX for many years. She is very active in her church serving as Church school teacher, choir member and various committees and councils. She has served as officer of UMW on the local, district and conference levels. She has led studies in Regional School as well as many conference schools. She has rendered service at the Former Maddox United Community Center, Harris Hospital Auxiliary, Ft. Worth; Family Service, Wesley Community Center, San Antonio, TX. She has traveled to the Holy Land three times, including visits to Egypt and Greece; trip around the world-visits to Tokyo, Japan. Bangkok, Thailand, Hong Kong, Delhi, Bareilly, India. She has also traveled to Liberia and Sierra Leone, West Africa and Nairobi. Kenya East Africa.



Rev. Freddie C. Henderson, Sr.

Rev. Freddie C. Henderson, Sr. is a native of Mansfield. He is married to the former Gloria Listach and they are the parents of two sons and a daughter. He is a graduate of Wiley College and Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA. Rev. Henderson is presently serving as pastor of Wesley UMC in Baton Rouge. He has also served as Chaplain at Louisiana T.I. and Director of Wesley Foundation at Southern University. Rev. Henderson was Director of Financial Aid at Morehouse College in Atlanta and received training at Grady Memorial Hospital in Clinical Pastoral Education.

Family: Drawing the Circle Wide



Dr. George W.C. Calvin, Sr.

Dr. George W.C. Calvin, Sr. is presently serving as Conference Director, Special Ministries/Institutional Development of the Louisiana Conference. He received his Master of Divinity Degree from Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and his Doctor of Divinity from Dillard. Dr. Calvin has taught in Schools of Christian Mission throughout the South Central Jurisdiction as well as several Regional Schools. He has been a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in Kenya and in Singapore. George also served at several General and Jurisdictional Conferences. His church and community affiliations are numerous and he has been the recipient of many awards and recognitions. Dr. Calvin is married to the former Mae E. Graves and they are the parents of three children.

Rev. Ester L. Hammond

Rev. Ester L. Hammond, born in Downsville, LA, answered the call to ministry in mid-life, in 1970. To attain her goals, she earned a BA from SLU in Hammond, LA in 1976, and a Mth from Perkins, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, in 1990. She was ordained an Elder in Full Connection in the LA Conference in 1991. In LA she served the Talisheek, St. Tammany, Bush, Sun, Wesley-Crowley, Ebenezer, Church, Ville Platte, Maxie, and the Fitzgerald-Waldheim churches. In North Texas she served the Bellevue-Vashti-Joy Circuit. Ester served seven years as a missionary to Liberia, West Africa, teaching at the Gbarnga School of Theuology. She is deeply involved in promoting missions, and in teaching the UMW Schools of Mission studies. She has three sons, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Ester retired in June, 1993, and now resides in Bogalusa, near two of her children. She plans to do some traveling, to do visitation for the ESM UMC, and to continue to be active in district and conference work, especially in the capacity of pulpit supply.

Christian Mission Teachers

Making the World Safe for Children

Doris Burnett Brown

Doris Burnett Brown is a native of Leesville, Louisiana. She is married to Rev. Arnold V. Brown. They have one son. Doris earned her B.A. degree from Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana; and has done further study at Louisiana Tech, Shreveport, Louisiana. She is currently at the City National Bank, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her varied activities in her church include, Children's Coordinator; member, Young Adult Group and Choir Member; Assistant Director, Young Adult Choir, Assistant Coordinator, Young Adult Ministry; District Chairperson, Committee on Status and Roll of Women. She has been a speaker for several churches on UMW Sunday; and District Annual Retreat. She has represented the LA conference UMW as an officer, Christian Personhood Chairperson, Each Local Woman Conference Workshop Event, second phase. She has been a Guest Soloist and Music Coordinator for UMW Retreats, and Annual Meetings. She will be one of the Speakers at the Women's Assembly in Cincinnati, Ohio in April, 1994.

Lois R. Heath

Lois R. Heath is married to Daniel Louis Heath, Sr.; they have one son. She earned a B.A. degree in Elementary Education, and M.A. degree in Guidance and Counseling from Southern University. She has done further study at Atlanta University. Lois is an active member of St. Mark United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, LA. She is Chairperson, Council on Ministries; member of Administrative Board; church school teacher; member of choir, elected "Layperson of the Year," 1991; member of UMW. Lois is a Certified Lay Speaker and Worship Leader; serves on the Board of Wesley Foundation at Southern University; Counselor, Seminar Instructor and Assistant Professor at Southern University; Life Member of Southern University Alumni Association. She has served as a UMW officer on the local, District and Conference levels. She served as the Assistant Dean of the LA Conference School of Christian Mission, 1992 and as the Dean in 1993.

Joy Foil LeBoutillier

Joy Foil LeBoutillier is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana. She is married to John LeBoutiller; they have three children. She earned her B.A. degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Church has always been a part of her life, with a rich heritage of five generations of Methodists, in her family background. She has directed and taught Vacation Bible School, and was a Youth Counselor. She is currently serving as the chairperson for the Celebrating Work Area of the Administrative Council at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Metairie, LA. Her activities in UMW include, president, teacher at District Mini-School and district workshops for Sunday School teachers. Joy has worked in a preschool for the past 15 years. She has written a developmental curriculum for 5 year old children. She is also active in her PTA and Cultural Arts.

Debra Bashaw

Debra Bashaw serves as a director to Women's Division and National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. She also serves as a Women's Division representative to the General Commission on Status and Role of Women. Within Women's Division Debra is assigned to the Section of Christian Social Relations and the Task Force for Younger Women. Debra has held the offices of membership and secretary of program resources in the Texas Conference United Methodist Women. She represented her conference on the West Gulf Regional School Planning Team and National Seminar. Within the Texas Conference, Debra serves as a vice-chair of Conference Board of Church and Society. Debra teaches fifth grade at Huntington Intermediate School. She is president of the Huntington Education Association and a member of the American Association of University Women. Debra and her husband, Bob, are members of Lufkin First United Methodist Church.

Family: Drawing the Circle Wide

Rev. Elston Ricky Perry

Rev. Elston Ricky Perry is presently serving as pastor of St. John United Methodist Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. He is a graduate of San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. He earned his Master of Divinity degree at the American Baptist Seminary of the West. Prior to his appointment in Ft. Lauderdale, he was pastor of Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Ft. White, FL and Mt. Carmel UMC High Springs, FL. He is an ordained Elder in the Florida Annual Conference. He has taught for several years in the Florida Conference Schools of Christian Mission. He serves on many committees and boards in the conference and community, and is co-chair, Strategic Planning Committee, West Palm Beach, FL. He is presently working on his Doctor of Ministry degree.

Rev. Annette Sowell

Rev. Annette Sowell is presently serving as the pastor of First United Methodist Church, Crowley, TX. She has pastored United Methodist Church, Benbrook, TX; Bethel United Methodist Church, Ft. Worth, TX. She has also served as a visiting pastor for St. Helens-Prescott Methodist Circuit, Liverpool, England; summer Exchange Pastor, Coke Memorial Methodist Church, South Petherton Somerset, England. Rev. Sowell earned her BS degree with a concentration in religion from Texas Wesleyan University; Master of Divinity degree, Texas Christian University, Summa Cum Laude, and is currently working on the Doctor of Ministry degree at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has taught in the LA Conference School of Mission as well as the Texas Conference Schools of Mission. She is married to Dr. Jesse J. Sowell, Jr. and they have three children, and four grandchildren.

General Information

First Timers. Anyone who is attending the School of Mission for the first time is asked to meet with Fannie P. Reddix and Mary Quinones in Kilpatrick at 11:00 a.m., Thursday to get acquainted and for a short orientation session.

Resource Room - Lottie Palazzo, Secretary of Program Resources invites you to visit the Resource Room 9:00 a.m. until noon on Thursday and at times posted for the other days. She will have books you will need for participation in each of the studies. Also there will be plenty of free and inexpensive materials that will help you and your unit.

Learning Center - The Learning Center is a part of the School of Christian Mission that you will not want to miss. The area includes displays by each district and some conference officers. For each study, there will be three different displays. The Learning Center will be coordinated by Kathleen Conrad, our new Secretary for Publicity and Public Relations.

Offering - The offering will be received in honor of all children. Mary Quinones will provide more details on the offering.

Audio-Visuals - Rita Parham will coordinate the audio-visuals that pertain to the studies and will be assisted by Geneva Bell.

Table Graces - Helen Allemond, Mission Coordinator for Christian personhood, has asked several of the districts to prepare prayer cards for each table in the dining hall. You are encouraged to use them as you come to dine.

Meditation Room - The Meditation Room is located in James Dorm. You can frequent this quiet room to re-focus during these four days. You may also want to browse as you meditate.

CEU - Continuing Education Units will be awarded to pastors to assist them in earning the required credits for the year.

Fellowship Night - Three districts per night will provide an opportunity for you to have a good time as you fellowship, extend your knowledge of the studies and share resources.

Medical Info - Amanda Bowers will serve as our school nurse and will be located in James Dormitory.

NOTE - Please understand that our insurance policy prohibits the attendance of children.

Texts for 1994:

Family: Drawing the Circle Wide

Basic Book: Family: Drawing the Circle Wide
Authors: J. Ann Craig and Linda S. Elmiger $3.50

This collection of essays from diverse perspectives about the past, present, and future of family life is based on a biblical foundation. The authors weave stories of spirituality and inclusiveness; they challenge readers to rethink the traditional family; and offer metaphors on the household of God. A study guide is included.

African Churches Speak

Basic Book: Claiming the Promise: African Churches Speak
Authors: Musimbi Kanyoro, Andre Karamaga, Modupe Oduyoye $7.95

Many problems confront people in Africa, yet the churches claim Christ's promise of abundant life. Nearly fifteen African church leaders offer personal reflections, historical vignettes and reports from major gatherings to open windows on a landscape full of determination and hope.

Study guide: Study Guide to Claiming the Promise
Author: Cecile Adams $5.95

This six-session guide provides a number of activities for large and small groups, using the basic text, videos and Map and Facts. Biblical reflection and worship ideas are based on materials used by churches in Africa. Recipes, songs, maps, photos, an annotated bibliography and filmography enhance the study.

Making the World Safe for Children

Basic Text and Study Guide: Welcome the Child: A Child Advocacy Guide for Churches
Authors: Shannon Daley and Kathleen Guy $9.95

The world is not safe for children, but it should be! This expanded version of the groundbreaking Children's Defense Fund book teaches how to make a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable of God's children. Factual information about national and global conditions is supplemented with worship and Bible study ideas, worksheets for data-gathering, action plans, resources and suggestions for networking.

Estelle Dameron

School of Christian Mission Scholarships

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1994 School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 21-24, 1994.

This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting a woman interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend the School of Christian Mission and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

Please send only one applicant per unit.

Applications must be mailed to: Mrs. Harriette Elrod
111 DeSoto St.
Tallulah, LA 71282

SEND APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 1994

Estelle Dameron
School of Christian Mission Scholarships
APPLICATION

District _____ Unit (name of Church) _____
Location _____ New _____ No. in Unit ____
Name of Applicant _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Applicant has☐ has not☐ attended a School of Christian Mission before
Applicant's age grouping: ☐high school ☐under 35 ☐35-50 ☐51 and above
Employed: ☐Full time ☐Part time
☐Retired ☐Student ☐Homemaker
Age of children: ☐pre-school ☐school ☐not at home
Applicant's choice of study:
☐African Churches Speak ☐Making the World Safe for Children
Name of unit president or contact person:
_____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
To be written by applicant on a separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because-

HONOR SCROLL FOR OUR CHILDREN

Your SPECIAL OFFERING at School of Mission will go UNDESIGNATED to HONOR the CHILDREN whose names YOU INSCRIBE on our HONOR SCROLL

Be thinking NOW about your children, children within your family, children in your church family and community, throughout our nation and around the world. It is the MISSION of United Methodist Women to "MAKE THE WORLD SAFE" for all children and to "DRAW THE FAMILY CIRCLE WIDE" to include all children.

Look for the CHILDREN'S HONOR SCROLL in James Dorm and come prepared to include your offering IN HONOR of the names you and others write on the Honor Scroll for 1994.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

REGISTRATION (Insurance Coverage) FEE $10.00
Payable to: Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

Housing and Meal cost will be paid upon arrival.
If you include it with this form, it will be returned to you.
No registration fee will be returned after July 10, 1994.

Send entire Registration / Housing information form below with your $10.00 to:

Kathryn Shea
300 Cleco Drive, #101
Pineville, LA 71360
(318) 443-6566

"HOPE AND WHOLENESS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH" DO YOU KNOW OF A PROJECT THAT WOULD QUALIFY TO RECEIVE A GRANT FROM THIS FUND?

RIGHT NOW the Women's Division is accepting applications for grants from the "Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth" funds from 1993. These one-time grants will not exceed $6,000. Organizations with either new or existing projects may apply, including local units of United Methodist Women. Organizations do not have to be related to the United Methodist Church to be considered for a grant. However, preference is given to small, locally-based projects.

Grants from these funds will be used to support projects which **"meet the needs of young people 8 to 18 years of age in the areas of health concerns, non-formal education, spiritual well-being, care-taking concerns, and young people in crisis."** To determine if the project you have in mind meets the specific criteria to apply for these grant funds, **please contact your District President, District Treasurer, or any Louisiana Conference UMW Officer** (all have copies).

To request an application form, write or call:

Mary Quinones
4904 Bissonet Dr.
Metairie, LA 70003
(504) 885-5550

The DEADLINE for submitting completed applications is June 10, 1994.

REGISTRATION FORM - LOUISIANA CONFERENCE SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTENARY COLLEGE

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Church _____

District _____

(INCLUDE THE $10.00 REGISTRATION FEE ONLY)

STUDIES

Everyone participates in the study of "Family"
Also choose one (1) of the following:

( ) AFRICAN CHURCHES SPEAK
( ) MAKING THE WORLD SAFE FOR CHILDREN

CHECK ALL THE FOLLOWING THAT APPLY TO YOU

( ) Attending School of Mission for the first time
( ) Workshop for leaders of District Mini-Schools
( ) District Officer
( ) Staying in Dormitory
( ) Staying Off-Campus

HOUSING INFORMATION

( ) Dormitory - or - ( ) Off Campus

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Home Telephone ( ) _____

District _____

Roommate preferred _____
(Please submit together if possible)

IF YOU NEED A FIRST FLOOR ROOM, YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE

Housing and Meals will be paid upon arrival at the school.
Arriving: Date _____ Time _____

DO NOT FILL IN BELOW THIS LINE

Assigned to: _____
Room No. _____
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Carlene Billot, Kathleen Conrad, Kathy Parker

Looking Ahead

July 21-24 **School of Christian Mission**
Centenary College, Shreveport
Fannie Reddix, Dean
Mary Quinones, Assistant Dean

September 16-17 **U.M.W. Conference Annual Meeting**
Broadmoor United Methodist Church
Shreveport
Mary Margaret Barr, Chairperson
Rose Lynne Fitzgerald, Asst. Ch.

October **District Annual Meetings**

October - 1
Baton Rouge District
Blackwater U.M.C., Baker

Lake Charles District
Oak Park U.M.C., Lake Charles

New Orleans District
First U.M.C., New Orleans

Ruston District
Quitman U.M.C., Quitman

October - 2
Alexandria District
Newman U.M.C., Alexandria

October - 8
Acadiana District
First U.M.C., Franklin

Monroe District
Memorial U.M.C., Bastrop

North Shore District
St. Timothy on the N.S. Mandeville

October - 9
Shreveport District
Christ U.M.C., Shreveport

October - 15
District Elected Leaders Training
Pineville First U.M.C.
Marie Young - Chairperson
Harriette Elrod - Asst. Ch.

UMW Counted in "Mini" Mission Encounter

Louisiana conference was well represented in El Paso, Texas recently as three United Methodist Women, Carlene Billot, Kathy Parker and Kathleen Conrad participated in a "Mini" Mission Encounter hosted by the South Central Jurisdiction Education for Mission Task Force.

A hands on mission experience was the focus. The women assisted with ceramics, child care and sewing projects at the Houchan Community Center. The Houchan Community Center is a project related to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The area served by the Center is rated one of the poorest neighborhoods in the country based on per capita income. Over 500 people a day come to Houchan for day care, youth activities, adult programs, and educational programs.

Darla Rowley, missionary in residence, Mission Encounter participant emphasized the changing nature of mission. She stressed that Christian Americans need to act as Partners in Mission and stop using band-aids to treat the problems of poverty and illiteracies but use a surgical approach and get to the core of the problem through dialogue and education.

Members of the Task Force along with Dr. George Calvin, Director of Special Ministries joined in the 80th year celebration of the Lydia Patterson Institute. Lydia Patterson Institute is the only remaining United Methodist related prominently hispanic educational institution in the United States.

The three participants were able to tour a portion of Juarez, Mexico. Following the tour of Juarez, all three came to the realization of poverty being only a river away.

Kathleen Conrad
Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations
South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial
Meeting Planning Representative

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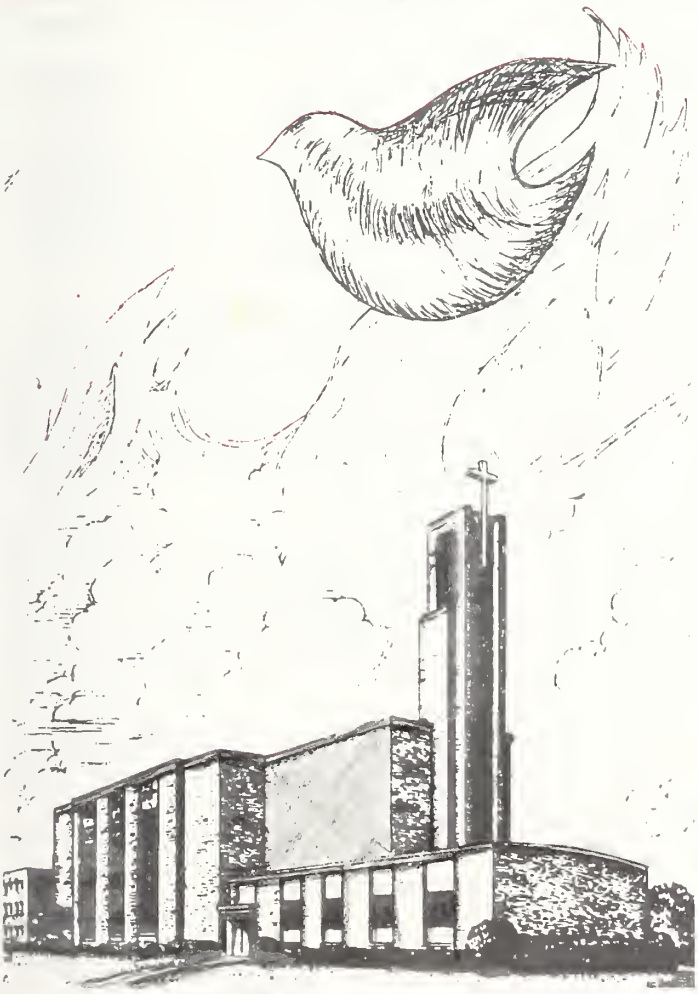


Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women
Twenty-First Annual Meeting
Broadmoor United Methodist Church
September 16-17, 1994

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, on Friday, September 16, 1994.

Conference President, Pat Cobb, will preside over the meeting. Reverend William Peeples, pastor of the host church, Carolyn Colvin, President of Shreveport District, and Rose Fitzgerald, local president will welcome participants as they gather for this yearly celebration of Louisiana women in mission.

"Rekindle God's Gifts!", based on II Timothy 1:6-7, was chosen as the theme by the Planning Committee, and we hope that each participant will be challenged to renew her gifts and talents from God that are used in our daily lives and in reaching out to others.

We shall be honored to have Dr. Carolyn Johnson, President of the Women's Division as our speaker. Those who heard her at Assembly in Cincinnati will look forward to hearing her again, and all of us can plan to be challenged anew about United Methodist Women!

Broadmoor United Methodist Church was begun in 1939, and services were held on the Centenary College campus for six years. Property on Youree Drive, where the church now stands, was purchased, and services were held in the first building of the church in 1945. Church membership increased rapidly, and the physical plant grew, too, to accommodate its present membership of 2700, with programs and activities for all ages. The magnificent stained glass windows in the sanctuary were designed by Frederick Cole, who was noted for his work on the Canterbury Cathedral in London England.

Mary Margaret Barr is the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Rose Fitzgerald is Chairperson of Local Arrangements.

Mary Margaret Barr
Chairperson, Annual Meeting

Rose Fitzgerald
Chairperson, Local Arrangements

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

Patt Cobb
Conference President

Dr. Carolyn Johnson, President of the Women's Division, will be the guest speaker at the Conference Annual Meeting on September 16, 1994, at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport. Because Dr. Johnson has another commitment on Saturday, September 17, she will speak twice on Friday. We look forward to hearing her informative and inspirational message.

The theme for the meeting is "Rekindle God's Gifts!" based on 2 Tim. 1:6-7 (NRSV). This is an opportunity for all of us to look beneath the surface of our lives and allow God to help us discover or rediscover the gifts and talents we possess.

The Annual Meeting Task Group is very capably chaired by Mary Margaret Barr. Rose Lynne Fitzgerald Broadmoor president, is in charge of local arrangements, assisted by Louise Thomas. Carolyn Colvin is Shreveport District President. They have all been working diligently on all facets of the program.

The Task Group decided not to have a banquet on Friday night, but encourages Districts to eat together prior to the evening session at Broadmoor UMC. District Presidents will be provided lists of restaurants that will accommodate groups so that prior arrangements can be made for their meal.

ELECTIONS

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations of nominees for office to be elected at the annual meeting in September, 1994:

Nominated for election to a two year term:

Vice-President:
Hilda Sills, 4745 Overton Dr., New Orleans, LA 70122

Treasurer:
Mary Quinones, 4904 Bissonet Dr., Metairie, LA 70003

Secretary for Financial Interpretation:
Lois Heath, 1263 Progress Rd., Baton Rouge, LA 70807

Mission Coordinators for:
Christian Social Involvement:
Muriel Miller, 3702 Carl Rd., Alexandria, LA 71301
Supportive Community:
Lou Medlock, P. O. Box 782, Monroe, LA 71210
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations:
Jan Randolph, 1331 Constitution, Slidell, LA 70458

Nominated for election to Committee on Nominations for a four year term (Class of 1998):

Joyce Hazel, 2701 Gen Moore, Lake Charles, LA 70601
Ethel Lily, P. O. Box 309, Mansfield, LA 71052
Norma Winegeart, 254 Forest Ave,, Shreveport, LA 71104-4507

Nominated for reelection to another two year term:

Coordinator for Christian Personhood:
Helen Allemond, 59170 Laurel St., Plaquemine, LA 70764

Respectfully Submitted:
Barbara Hamilton
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations

Part of the business of this Conference is the election of leadership. In accordance with the Conference Standing Rules, the slate of nominees is listed in this publication. Voting membership is composed of the following: members of the Conference Executive Committee, District Elected Leaders, the spouse of the resident Bishop, Presidents of all predecessor organizations and delegates from local units. Local units are represented on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership of each local unit is determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory of the conference organization, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

Each person registered to attend the meeting is covered by insurance from the time of departure for the event until returning home. The insurance fee, cost of packets and other general expenses are covered by the registration fee. Everyone attending must register.

The Sheraton-Bossier will be the headquarters for the meeting. Please register early. I look forward to seeing each of you as we share in a great experience together.

Pat Cobb, Conference President

THE 1994 COST OF MISSION SUPPORT

1 Second	$.65
1 Minute	$39.13
5 Minutes	$195.65
1 Hour	$2,347.64

MISSIO CANDLE

CELEBRATE UMW

- **PAST**
- **PRESENT**
- **FUTURE**

The lighting of the MISSION CANDLE will again be a significant part of our CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING, to be held on September 16-17, 1994, at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport. Units and individuals will want to be a part of this meaningful expression of our united commitment to a worldwide program of mission outreach. Gifts may be given IN MEMORY or IN HONOR of persons whose names will be inscribed (by district) in a CONFERENCE MISSION BOOK displayed near the candle.

The MISSION CANDLE will burn for the exact length of time our total gifts will support mission through the Women's Division. When these funds would be used up, the candle will be extinguished. OUR GOAL is to burn the candle throughout the Conference Annual Meeting. This goal can be realized if every local unit gives 1-minute or more for the MISSION CANDLE. However, there is no minimum or maximum gift requirement. All monies are incorporated into each District's PLEDGE TO MISSION.

PLEASE USE THIS FORM to list names, indicating in which section each name is to be inscribed. SEND THE FORM, WITH GIFT(S), TO YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER BY SEPTEMBER 3RD. CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY FORM. (Photocopy this form to give individual members an opportunity to give in addition to unit gifts.)

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)

PERSON SUBMITTING FORM: _____
FROM CHURCH _____ DISTRICT _____
CITY _____ PHONE _____

GIVEN BY: _____ IN HONOR OF: _____ CIRCLE ONE: Present Future
GIVEN BY: _____ IN MEMORY OF: _____ Present Future

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED
$ _____

(If more space is needed, please attach additional sheet. Do Not write on back.)

PROGRAM
REKINDLE GOD'S GIFTS!

Theme Hymn: "Stir Into Flame " Scripture II Timothy 1:6,7

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P.M.

Prelude
Convening of the Twenty-first Annual Meeting ..... Pat Cobb
Affirming Our Purpose (in Unison)
Welcome Dr. William Peeples, Rose Fitzgerald,Carolyn Colvin
Recognition of Visitors
Presentation of Program .. Mary Margaret Barr & Rose Fitzgerald
Lighting of the Mission Candle ..... Celina Johnson
Theme Hymn, "Stir Into Flame"
Opening Devotional ..... Rev. Helena Wright-Butler
Special Music
Business Session:
- President's Report
- Recommendations of Executive Committee
- Reports
  - Church Women United
  - World Federation of Methodist Women
  - Conference Goals for 1995
  - Membership
  - Finance Report and 1995 Budget
  - Committee on Nominations
  - Election of Officers

BREAK

U.M.W. Sing
Greetings from the Jurisdiction
Introduction of Special Guest
Message ..... Dr. Carolyn Johnson
Honoring of Retiring Officers ..... Wilma Crosby
Close of Afternoon Session

FRIDAY EVENING 7:30 P.M.

U.M.W. Sing
Invocation
Evening Devotional ..... Rev. Helena Wright-Butler
Special Music
Message ..... Dr. Carolyn Johnson
Music
Benediction

SATURDAY MORNING 8:30 A.M.

U.M.W. Sing
Morning Devotional ..... Rev. Ellen Montegudo
Special Music
Reports from LA Conference
Mission Projects
Pledge Service
Report of Registration
Special Mission Recognition
Offering
Installation of Officers ..... Norma S. Winegeart
Invitation to 1995 Meeting
Announcements
Adjournment

BREAK

Communion Meditation ..... Rev. Linda Shepherd
Service of Holy Communion
Sending Forth
Postlude

HOUSING INFORMATION

HEADQUARTERS MOTEL:

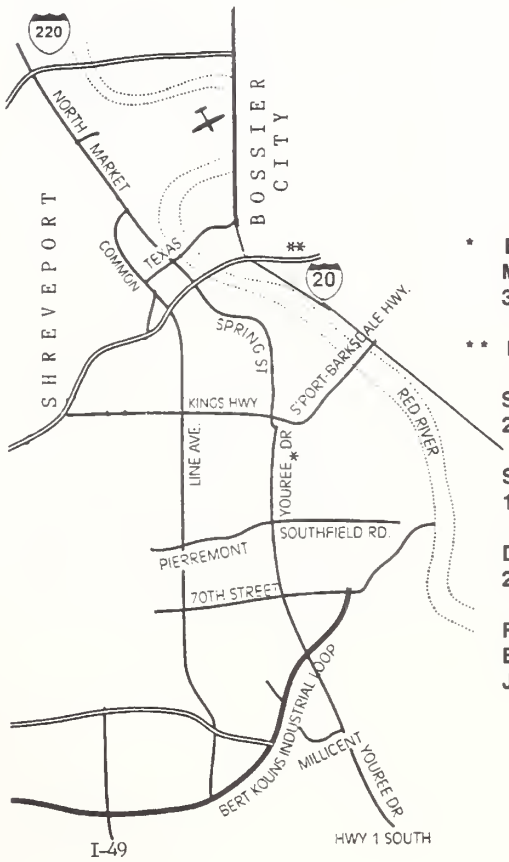
SHERATON INN BOSSIER
2015 Old Minden Road
Bossier City, LA 71111
Telephone Number:
318-742-9700
Room Rates:
$50.00 plus 11% tax Single (1 person)
$60.00 plus 11% tax Double (2,3, or 4 persons)

OTHER MOTELS IN THE VICINITY:

SHONEY'S INN, BOSSIER
1836 Old Minden Road
Bossier City, LA 71111
Telephone Number: 318-747-7700
Room Rates:
$48.00 plus 11% tax (2 persons)
$54.00 plus 11% tax (3 persons)
$60.00 plus 11% tax (4 persons)

DAYS INN, BOSSIER
200 John Wesley Blvd.
Bossier City, LA 71111
Telephone Number: 318-742-9200
Room Rates:
$37.95 plus 11% tax (1 person)
$42.95 plus 11% tax (2 persons) each additional adult $5.00 each)

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: September 3, 1994
Tell the reservations clerk that you are with United Methodist Women!



* **Broadmoor United Methodist Church 3715 Youree Drive**

** **Exit 21 from I-20**

Sheraton Inn 2015 Old Minden Rd.

Shoney's Inn 1836 Old Minden Rd.

Days Inn 200 John Wesley Blvd.

First United Meth. Ch. Bossier City John Wesley Blvd

PROGRAM

DR. CAROLYN JOHNSON

Carolyn Johnson is president of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries and a senior research associate at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Carolyn has held offices in the local, district, and conference organizations of United Methodist Women. She is a frequent mission study leader in regional and conference schools of Christian Mission, and is the author of articles appearing in Response Magazine and Upper Room Disciplines. She has also done "Moment of Faith" segments on the Catch the Spirit television program.

REV. WILLIAM D. PEEPLES

Reverend William Peeples grew up in Claiborne and Bienville Parishes in North Louisiana and is a graduate of Centenary College in Shreveport and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. He has served as a youth minister and has pastored United Methodist churches throughout the state. William was Superintendent of Louisiana Methodist Northshore District prior to his October, 1992 appointment as Senior Pastor at Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport. He has been actively involved in many Louisiana Conference issues and committees.

Reverend Peeples met his wife, Fane Bussie Peeples, while attending Centenary and they have been married for 33 years. Fane and William have two children, Alarie, 28, and Chris, 26. William enjoys outdoor activities especially backpacking, fishing and jogging. He has several musical talents and enjoys woodworking and carpentry.

WILMA CROSBY

Wilma Crosby is a native of Mississippi and graduated from Millsaps College with a B.A. degree in Religion. She served 3 years as Youth Director for the Mississippi Conference. Wilma has been active in the field of Christian Education for many years, and has held offices at local and district levels.

As a member of United Methodist Women, Wilma has held offices at the local, district and conference levels. Among her many duties, she has been President of the Shreveport District and Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns for the Conference.

Wilma is married to Tom Crosby, a retired United Methodist minister. They have three children and six grandchildren. Wilma and Tom attend Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge where they chose to live during their retirement.

NORMA WINEGEART

Norma Winegeart has held various district and local offices in United Methodist Women, and has given of her many talents in several capacities at Conference level: Vice-President, Historian, Chair of 1981 Retreat, Assistant Dean of School of Christian Mission, and is the immediate past Conference President.

Her husband, Rev. Jack Winegeart, retired in 1993, and they are now living in Shreveport. Jack and Norma have two children and four grandchildren.

PERSONNEL

REV. LINDA SHEPHERD

Linda is the Mother of three children and grandmother of five. She was active in U.M.W. and her local church for many years, and served as President of Shreveport District U.M.W. When she made the decision to enter the pastoral ministry, she enrolled in Centenary College and received a degree in Christian Education. She is now completing the fifth year in Course of Study School at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas.

Linda has pastored at Quitman UMC and was Associate Pastor at Lea Joyner Memorial UMC in Monroe, and is currently appointed to the Chatham-Concord Charge in Ruston District.

REV. HELENA WRIGHT-BUTLER

Rev. Wright-Butler has served as a classroom teacher in the Orleans and Jefferson Parish schools. She is also a graduate of Union Baptist Theological Seminary and of Gammon Theological Seminary. She served as a ministerial intern at Bethany UMC in New Orleans and was ordained as an elder in the Louisiana Conference in 1992. She has pastored Trinity UMC in Bunkie, and was appointed to the Philips Memorial-Shaw Temple Charge in New Orleans in June, 1994.

Helena is married to Rev. Samuel Butler, Jr. and is the mother of six children, twenty grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, sewing, and travel.

REV. ELLEN MONTEGUDO

Rev. Ellen Montegudo is a graduate of Centenary College and has a Masters Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Louisiana Tech. Her work experience includes personnel work with several state agencies prior to entering the pastoral ministry. She has completed the Perkins Course of Study School, and is presently enrolled in Perkins School of Theology in the Master of Divinity Program. She has been appointed to local churches since 1985, and has served at Blanchard UMC since 1989.

Ellen has a son and daughter, and her hobbies include working with dreams, writing, and walking.

CELINA T. JOHNSON

Celina T. Johnson is a member of Peck United Methodist Church in New Orleans, where she is a member of the Trustee Board, Chairperson of Vision 2000, the delegate to the Annual Conference and serves on many committees of the local church. She is a past officer of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, has held past offices of the New Orleans District, past president, secretary and presently treasurer of the local United Methodist Women.

Celina, a retired Counselor Supervisor with the New Orleans Welfare Department, serves on the Trustee Board of the Louisiana Conference Center, Peoples United Methodist Community Center and is a Facilitator of District Training Events from the Women's Division.

She is the mother of two children and the grandmother of two.

BARBARA DUKE HONORED

The Reverend Barbara Duke was honored with a $100 Special Mission Recognition Pin and certificate at the meeting of the Louisiana Annual Conference on June 8, 1994. Barbara was the communion celebrant for the UMW Conference Annual Meeting in September 1993 at Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

Barbara has long been supportive of United Methodist Women in many ways. Her present appointment is at Berwick UMC. She and her husband, Rev. Jeffrey Duke, pastor at Patterson UMC, have one son.

SEOLA CALLAHAN

Seola Callahan was presented this year's Sojourner Truth Award at the COSROW luncheon during Annual Conference. Making the presentation was Mary Louise Cassingham. Mrs. Callahan is a member of First United Methodist Church of Oakdale. She is presently the District Lay Leader of the Lake Charles District and has held many offices in local, district, and conference work.

DR. VELA HOWELL CLEVELAND DIES

Dr. Vela Howell Cleveland, a native of Florida, was a member of a New Orleans Wesleyan Service Guild while preparing to become a missionary to India. She was commissioned in May 1958 to the pediatrics department of the Methodist Hospital in Vellore, India. Following her retirement she resided in New Orleans, spending her final years in Colorado. She died on April 20, 1994.

Dr. Cleveland was the speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women in Ruston, 1984. Her address may be found in the 1984-1985 Annual Report and Directory.

NANCY M. CARRUTH

Nancy M. Carruth was an official delegate to the inauguration of the Chancellor of Africa University at Mutare, Zimbabwe. She is shown here with Dr. Thomas Trotter, President of Alaska University and former General Secretary of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL ISSUE

ASSEMBLY 1994

Louisiana Conference was represented at the Quadrennial Assembly of United Methodist Women in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 28 - May 1, with 138 persons registered. Most of these were ladies, but the number included a few gentlemen. Our delegation joined almost 11,300 others from the U. S. and beyond.

Our very own Doris Brown, from Baton Rouge, was one of the speakers. We are very proud of her witness. Response Magazine will carry details of the meeting in forthcoming issues ... watch for them!

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

September 16-17, 1994
Broadmoor United Methodist Church
3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA
(318)861-0586)

Send Registration to:
Gloria Montgomery
1508 Dora Ann Place
Shreveport, LA 71105

Make Checks payable to:
Louisiana Conference UMW
Pre-registration: $5.00
Registration at Meeting: $7.50

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE: _____

Check all that apply:

Conference Officer - Specify _____

Conference Executive Committee _____

District Officer - Specify _____

Local Unit Member _____

Former Conference President or Guild Secretary _____

Guest _____

Voting Delegate _____

CHURCH _____

CITY _____

Number in Local Unit _____ District _____

Where will you be staying during the meeting? _____

_____

Will Child care be needed? _____ Ages of children _____

NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of expense of the meeting.

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION
SEPTEMBER 4, 1994

MORE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETING

Please fill out the registration form on this page and send the entire form to Gloria Montgomery. Be sure to include your check for $5.00. Everyone who attends must pay this fee because it includes the insurance that will cover you from the time you leave home throughout the meeting and your return home.

On Saturday morning an offering will be received to be used in mission work, so please be prepared to contribute to this important event. Also, remember our "Mission Candle" (listed elsewhere in this newsletter). This is a meaningful way to honor loved ones and help those in need at the same time.

Registration will begin at Broadmoor United Methodist Church at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, September 16 and will continue through 12:30. This will be in the Anderson Hall Gymnasium Building of the church. Parking lots for the church are located just east of the buildings and off Youree Drive. A sandwich lunch will be provided in the Gymnasium from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

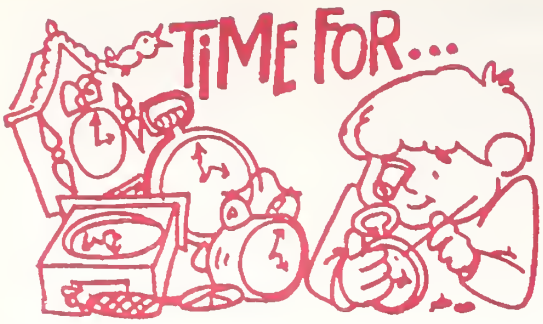
The meeting will convene at 1:00 P.M. in the sanctuary.

Following the afternoon session, delegates and guests will have options concerning their evening meal. Each District will decide whether they wish to get together as a group and they will be responsible for making their own arrangements. District Presidents will have listings of restaurants that can accommodate groups, so please contact them if interested. Individual packets received at registration will also contain restaurant listings in the areas of the church and motels.

A continental breakfast will be available in the Broadmoor gymnasium on Saturday morning, September 17th.

Following the Communion Service on Saturday morning, a sandwich lunch will again be served in the gymnasium. A post-Executive committee meeting will be held also, with all newly elected officers as well as retiring ones expected to attend.

Group of Baton Rouge Women at Assembly



District Annual Meetings:

October 1:	Baton Rouge District-Blackwater U.M.C., Baker
	Lake Charles District-Oak Park U.M.C., Lake Charles
	New Orleans District-First U.M.C. New Orleans
	Ruston District-Quitman U.M.C. Quitman
October 2:	Alexandria District-Newman U.M.C. Alexandria
October 8:	Acadiana District-First U.M.C. Franklin
	Monroe District-Memorial U.M.C. Bastrop
	North Shore District-St. Timothy On the NS, Mandeville
October 9:	Shreveport District-Christ U.M.C. Shreveport

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October 15:	District Elected Leaders Training First U.M.C. Pineville Marie Young, Chairperson Harriett Elrod, Assistant Chp.

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Jan. 22, 95:	United Methodist Women's Sunday To be observed in ALL churches throughout the Conference

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Feb. 10-11, 95:	Mid-year Executive Committee Tall Timbers Center

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Feb. 24-26, 95:	Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women Retreat Tall Timbers Center

Mark your calendars now for the U.M.W. Retreat. It will be held at Tall Timbers Center February 24, 25, and 26, 1995. The Chairperson for this event will be Seola Callahan and Betty Carlin will be Assistant Chairperson. Our own Betty Ferrington will be the leader for the retreat. The January newsletter will bring you the details for this important time together, but you will surely want to save these dates.

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United Methodist Women Conference Retreat

February 24, 25, 26, 1995

Tall Timbers Conference Center

Woodworth, Louisiana

Betty Ferrington
Retreat Leader

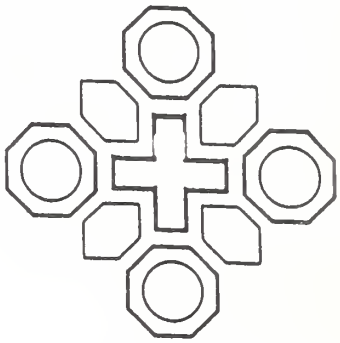
Darlene Moore-James
Communion Celebrant

COME TO THE RETREAT!!

Get your registration in immediately.

Begin to look forward to a
joyous experience.
Come with expectation and hope.
Come, "Seeking God's Face."

"Seeking God's Face"



"Come," my heart says,

"seek his face!"

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Psalms 27:8 (NRSV)

The 1995 Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's Retreat will be held at Tall Timbers Conference Center near Woodworth, Louisiana, on February 24, 25 and 26. This is the ninth bi-annual retreat. Since 1979, the Retreat has been an outstanding, eagerly awaited event for United Methodist Women.

We are delighted to have Betty Ferrington from our own Conference to serve as retreat leader. Betty has endeared herself to Louisiana Methodism as she has served on the local, district and conference level for both United Methodist Women and the United Methodist Church. She is well known as an inspirational speaker and has led numerous retreats. Betty has also been a Study Group Leader in the Conference School of Christian Mission.

The theme for Retreat is "Seeking God's Face." In addition to presentations by the Retreat Leader there will be small group discussion, time for solitude, personal reflection, fellowship and worship. John and Lisa Fugh will serve as Music Directors. They are planning a great music program which will include new techniques for learning and enjoying music. Retreat will conclude with Holy Communion with the Reverend Darlene Moore-James as Celebrant.

Chairperson of the 1995 Retreat is Seola Callahan with Betty Carlin as Assistant Chairperson.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Tall Timbers Conference Center is made available to us by the Louisiana Baptist Convention, which owns and operates this fine facility. United Methodist Women have met there for several events in the past few years. It is strategically located near the center of the state on Highway 165, approximately fifteen miles south of Alexandria on the Alexandria/Lake Charles highway. (It will be on your right as you drive from Alexandria.)

Linens are provided in the motel-type rooms. Comfortable clothes and walking shoes are suggested. A flashlight would be helpful in going from the chapel to the rooms for the evening.

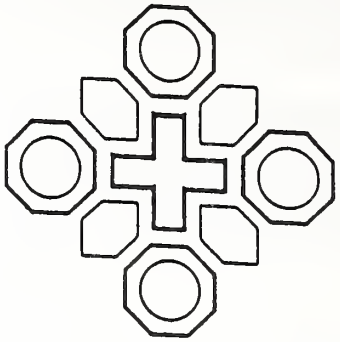
All registrants are expected to stay on the grounds for the entire retreat. All meals will be served in the cafeteria. Only retreat activities shall be scheduled for these days.

Please bring your Bible, notebook or paper, and a pencil or pen.

Registration will be in Lee Lodge from 2:00-5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 24. Retreat materials and room assignments will be available at that time.

Several of our Louisiana Conference Officers are sharing responsibility for parts of the Retreat program. Norma Winegeart, Immediate Past President, is Registrar. Mary Quinones is Treasurer. Lottie Palazzo, Secretary of Program Resources, will have charge of the Reading Resource Room. Nancy Carruth, Editor, will publicize the event. Pat Cobb, Lois Heath and Hilda Sills are members of the Task Group and will help with fellowship evening, small group leadership and evaluations.

To all of the leaders and to you who participate in the Retreat, we express our sincere appreciation!!



The symbol (logo) for the 1995 retreat theme "Seeking God's Face" was created by Hallie Ann Nesom of Oakdale. The design calls to memory the treasured kaleidoscope of past days when we twisted and turned the little glass, watching the shapes going out and in the center somehow never changing; always seeking the perfect picture. Unlike the kaleidoscope our symbol is not a splash of beautiful colors, perhaps reminding us once more that it is God who adds color and brilliance to our lives.

MEET THE LEADERS

Our Retreat Leader, BETTY FERRINGTON, was born in Mississippi and moved to Louisiana at the age of three. She graduated from Denham Springs High School and attended the University of Southeastern Louisiana majoring in Vocal Music Education. Betty has served at local, district and conference levels of the United Methodist Church and United Methodist Women. She was Vice-President of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women for four years. She has been a Study Group Leader for Conference School of Christian Mission and has also served as Dean and assistant Dean and Music Leader. She has led Retreats and Days Apart and planned and presented many programs throughout Louisiana. Betty is married to Ed Ferrington and resides in Walker. They have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Our Communion Celebrant will be the REVEREND DARLENE MOORE-JAMES who was ordained Elder at the 1993 Louisiana Annual Conference. She currently serves the Jones-Mallalieu-Trinity charge in the Lake Charles District. Darlene has participated in United Methodist Women's programs on district and conference level and states that she, "just loves to serve the Lord, in any setting, with any group of people and at any time." She is married to Joshua James and they have one son.

RETREAT

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

To register for the 1995 Retreat fill in the form on the back page and mail with a check for $75 made payable to:

Louisiana Conference UMW, to:
Norma S. Winegeart
254 Forest Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71104-4507

The $75 fee will include lodging for two nights, six meals in the cafeteria (Friday supper through Sunday lunch), retreat material, insurance, and a share in the overall expenses. All retreatants are expected to stay on the grounds.

There will be a maximum attendance of 150. Deadline for registration will be February 10, or when the maximum is reached (which ever comes first). If necessary, a waiting list will be kept and those notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 10.

Please indicate if street level accommodations are needed, realizing that you may not choose roommates for special rooms. Note that our insurance policy prohibits children from attending.

Tall Timbers regulations require that no food be brought. No food or drink is permitted in the chapel, lodge or dormitory. Vending machines and a snack bar are available. Those requiring special diets may notify Tall Timbers Food Service Department forty-eight hours prior to the date of the meeting. The address is P.O. Box 258, Woodworth, LA 71485; phone number 318-445-6797.

MUSICAL TREAT

JOHN AND LISA FUGH will bring their youthful enthusiasm to our Retreat Music. JOHN is the youth pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Pineville and LISA is an elementary school teacher. They have been married almost two years. John is a graduate of Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky and is pursuing a Master's of Divinity Degree. He has seven years experience working with youth and three years in music direction.

John and Lisa Fugh

SEOLA CALLAHAN is Chairperson for the Retreat. She is our immediate past secretary of the conference United Methodist Women. Serving with her as Assistant Chairperson is BETTY CARLIN, immediate past vice-president of the conference UMW.

New Conference

At the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women in Broadmoor United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, election of new officers was held. Re-elected for another two year term as Coordinator for Christian Personhood was Helen Allemond.
Newly elected officers were Hilda Sills, Vice-President; Mary Quinones, Treasurer; Lois Heath, Secretary for Financial Interpretation; Muriel Miller, Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement; Lou Medlock, Coordinator for Supportive Community; and Jan Randolph, Chairperson Committee on Nominations. Elected as new members of the Nominating Committee were Joyce Hazel, Ethel Lily, and Norma Winegeart. They will serve a four year term.

Hilda Sills

Hilda Doakes Sills is the new Conference Vice-President. She is the immediate past Coordinator for Supportive Community who designed the certificate for Supportive Community. Hilda is a member of Mount Zion in New Orleans. In her local unit she has served in many capacities including president; presently she is serving as treasurer. In her local church she serves as Chairperson of the Travel Committee, Chairperson of the the Scholarship Committee, Chairperson of the Status and Role of Women, member of the Council on Ministries, and Administrative Board. In June of '94, Hilda was elected by the committee on Nomination to represent Louisiana at the West Gulf Region. Hilda was married to the late Nathaniel S. Sills, and has one daughter, Nathilda F. Sills.

She is the daughter of Priscilla F. Doakes and the late Simpson Doakes, Sr.

Along with her church activities, Hilda is very active with many organizations, such as Masonic, Sorority, Top Ladies of Distinction, and many other civic groups. Hilda plans to retire after 43 successful years in the school systems. Her retirement will begin June 2, 1995

Mary Quinones

Mary M. Quinones is the new Conference Treasurer. She was born and reared in Alexandria, attended L.S.U. in Baton Rouge, and has worked as an administrative assistant and bookkeeper. She is currently a full-time Mary Kay beauty consultant. She is married to Pas Quinones, and they are members of St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Metairie where she has served as President and Secretary of UMW. She has also served as New Orleans-Houma District Coordinator for Supportive Community, New Orleans District Treasurer, Conference Secretary for Financial Interpretation, Chairperson of the 1993 Conference Retreat, and Assistant Dean of the 1994 School of Christian Mission. She was a member of the Dulac Board of Directors, where she served as Secretary. Mary is also the Contact Advisor on the Executive Board for the Metairie/Kenner Christian Women's Club.

Lois R. Heath

Lois Heath, wife of Daniel L. Heath has one son and is a member of St. Mark UM Church in Baton Rouge. She is a graduate of Southern University and did further study at Atlanta University and Southeastern. Lois served as Conference Secretary of Program Resources. She has also served as Dean of the School of Christian Mission. Lois is also very active in her local church and on the district level. She is a Counselor and Assistant Professor at Southern University. Lois is a Certified Lay Speaker and Worship Leader and was recently elected Layperson of the Year by her church.

Officers

Muriel Miller

Muriel Miller was born in Oklahoma and reared in West Texas on a large wheat farm. She is married to Rev. Robert R. Miller, retired member of the Louisiana Conference. They have three children, one of whom is deceased. Muriel is a member of Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

She attended West Texas State University, is a graduate of McNeese University, Lake Charles, and Northeast LA University. She is a retired high school and junior college teacher. She has served in many capacities in district and local UMW work. She does volunteer work for the Internal Revenue Service in the VITA program. She is a member of a Computer Club, the 20th Century Book Club, and the American Guild of Organists. She is also a member of the Southern Poetry Assn and has had some poems accepted for publication.

Muriel Miller

Lou Elvira Medlock

Jan Randolph

Norma Winegeart

Jan Randolph

Jan Randolph is the newly elected chairperson of the Committee on Nominations. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama and has been married to Victor Randolph for 25 years. They have one son, Scott. She is a homemaker, a volunteer, and a seamstress and has been a member of the United Methodist Women and the W.S.C.S. for most of her married life. Jan is the immediate past president of her local U.M.W. having served for 2 1/2 years. She is a member of First United Methodist Church in Slidell and assisted in the preparation for her church's hosting of the 1992 Annual Meeting of U.M.W. Jan has served in many capacities in this organization both in Slidell and in Lafayette.

Lou Elvira Medlock

Lou Elvira Medlock newly elected Conference Coordinator for Supportive Community is married to William A. Medlock, and has two daughters and four grandchildren. She is a member of Hope United Methodist Church in Monroe serving as church treasurer.

Lou has served in several offices in the local unit of United Methodist Women; in the Monroe District as Secretary for Financial Interpretation, Treasurer, and Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns.

She serves on the Board of Directors of Methodist Children Home, Ruston and Louisiana Conference Commission on Religion and Race Community work, Docent, Masur Museum, Board of Directors of YWCA, Northeast LA Arts Council, and Friends of the Monroe Civic Center Theater.

Norma S. Winegeart

Norma S. Winegeart newly elected member of the Conference UMW Committee on Nominations, for a four year term.

She has formerly served as conference historian, vice-president and president. She has also served in various district offices as she and her preacher-husband, Jack Winegeart, have moved about the state.

She served for 8 years on the Conference Commission on Archives and History and chaired the task group that published "Becoming One People - a History of Louisiana Methodism."

Rev. Winegeart has retired and they are currently living in Shreveport where Norma is serving as the vice-president of the United Methodist Women at the First

The following was submitted by Mrs. Geneva Bell at the completion of her four years of service as Conference Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement

"Mama", my chubby little three year old girl tugged at my dress and pointed over at a cake, its thick white icing bearing flecks of coconut, "Mama", she tugged even harder, "get me that, I want that." Before I had an opportunity to answer her, she broke from me and ran to the swivel stools trying her best to heist her little frame onto a seat. "And a hamburger too, Mama, please."

At that moment the world stopped. And became unsettlingly cold. As my little girl struggled to climb upon the counter stool, I struggled with what to do. There in front of me was the innocence of a highly active, highly inquisitive three year old, requesting of me, her mother, nothing more than the taste of the cake in the three-tiered glass case and a hamburger. There also in front of me were eyes full of bile casting looks on my child that to this day still haunt me. Grown men and women dropped their forks and lowered their newspapers and became eerily still-their eyes reflecting their heated hearts. My maternal instincts dictated protection. Fight or flee. The eyes of my three year old who had unwittingly placed herself in the middle of centuries of conflict revealed something else. Because while the faces of the people gathered at the lunch counter of the downtown KRESS DEPARTMENT STORE in Lake Charles, Louisiana that day in 1957 reflected an America which would do all it could to deny her existence, my daughter, in her delightful ignorance of hatred and of law, would not be easily denied. In an instant I was less afraid for her future. Much less. The world was changing. In less than ten years a civil rights bill would pass congress and finally acknowledge the fact that the denial of rights based on the color on one's skin is ludicrous and was a long used mechanism to make white people feel superior. Why else would legislation and tradition dictate that a person of African heritage be assigned the worse housing, inadequate school provisions, inferior wages while doing the most labor-intensive work? Why was it so important for so many years to have black people sit at the back of the bus? Eat in the kitchen or a back room of a restaurant? Use a different bathroom or use the bushes? No lie can live forever and that is the lesson gained from my daughter that day in 1957.

EYES ON THE PRIZE, brought back a flood of memories. There really was no way for me to do this report without doing personal reflections. The world was separate in Lake Charles in 1957 and to some degree it remains so. There have been changes brought on basically by the changing of laws that attempted so successfully to deny the rights of a substantial number of God's children. The book chronicles the years of the Civil Rights struggle when cataclysmic changes were wrought. Many times at huge costs but always with the goal of freedom and progress. My husband and I decided that we would no longer shop at KRESS DEPARTMENT STORE and enlisted friends to refrain from buying there also.

That era had an awesome number of unsung heroes. people who sacrificed so much for the goal. It is the movement of people who were tired of being treated like dogs or mules or boys and girls and found that getting the laws changed would have to be the first step. These people woke up America and shook it. It is their stories that moved me so much and make me think that black or white, it is your story too. If black, and of an age of forty or more, you can remember personal insults, you may have had to give up your seat to a white person who got on the bus after you, you may have had a door slammed in your face on a literal and/or figurative level, if white, you may have thought nothing of slamming the door in the face of a black person because after all, they did not really count in your mind since they were not really people, if white, you may have joined your black brothers and sisters in the struggle knowing that no one is truly free unless we all are. If black, you may have shied away from joining any organized group of freedom fighters because you had a family to feed and the freedom fighters were only troublemakers. It matters not what your choice was then. It matters significantly what your choice is now.

by Juan Williams and Geneva J. Bell

REGISTRATION FORM
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HOUSING WILL BE THREE TO A ROOM. ROOMMATES PREFERRED:

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2._____

(Send registrations together if at all possible)

_____ Street level room required (no stairs)
(If special room required, you may not request roommates)

In Memorium

Dr. Garlington

Dr. Norma Kathryn Garlington was a Deaconess and Diaconal Minister in the United Methodist Church in the Louisiana Conference. She was a Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified counselor, certified in the area of Mental Health and was certified as a Director of Christian Education. She was a high school Guidance Counselor for several years and retired from the public school system in 1987. In 1988 she established a Private Practice in Oakdale as a Licensed Professional Counselor. She helped many people in this rural area who could not afford to pay. She was the founder and director of Allen Interfaith Coalition for Caring, a volunteer organization related to Louisiana CrossLines Ministry. Dr. Garlington died August 23, 1994. She was a member of Hopewell United Methodist Church in the Lake Charles District.

Maude P. Harris

Maude P. Harris, surviving spouse of the late Rev. Theodore R. Harris, died November 26, 1994. Funeral services were held December 1, at Peck United Methodist Church in New Orleans. Maude was President of the former Conference B. Methodist Women of Louisiana and active in local missions for many years. She will be greatly missed. She is survived by a nephew, Raymond Pinkston of Berwick.

GALAXY OF FIVE-STAR UNITS INCREASED FOR 1993-94!

U.M.W. PROGRAM FOR UNDESIGNATED GIVING

CONGRATULATIONS! to the following units who worked together to attain Five-Star Status during 1993-94. you have **increased** our Galaxy of Five-Star Units by 27%.

ACADIANA First-Houma, Covenant-Lafayette, Immanuel-Lafayette, Northwood-Lafayette, First New Iberia, Calvary-Thibodaux.

ALEXANDRIA: David Haas Memorial-Bunkie, Trinity-Bunkie, Wesley-Booneville-Bunkie, Fellowship-Hineston, Nolley` Memorial-Jena, First-Pineville, Palestine-Pineville, Pollock, Horseshoe Drive.

BATON ROUGE: Beech Grove-Clinton, Blackwater, Broadmoor, Evangeline, First-Baton Rouge, First-Gonzales, Ingleside, Jackson, Jefferson, St. Andrew, St. John, St. Mark, Wesley 28

LAKE CHARLES: First-Crowley, DeQuincy, Gueydan, First-Jennings, First-Lake Charles, University, Oakdale, Prospect-Hornbeck, Henning-Sulphur, Maplewood-Sulphur, Vinton, Westlake, Ville Platte, Wesley-Sulphur, First-DeRidder, Iowa, Oak Park, First-Walsh, Mallalieu-Jennings (Congratulations for the Greatest Galaxy and the most increase of 10 Five Star Units!) 27

MONROE: First-Bastrop, Memorial-Bastrop, Crowville-Delhi, Mer Rouge, First-Monroe, Memorial, St. Paul's, Rayville, First-St. Joseph, McGuire-West Monroe

NEW ORLEANS: Gretna, Aurora-Algiers, Munholland-Metairie, Bethany, Cornerstone, Jefferson, First-Kenner, Mt. Zion, Philips Memorial, St. Luke's, St. Matthew's-Metairie, St. Paul's Harahan 70

NORTH SHORE: E S Memorial-Bogalusa, Fitzgerald-Covington, Centenary-Franklinton, First-Hammond, Lacombe, St. Timothy-Mandeville, First-Slidell, Hartzell Mt. Zion-Slidell, Pine Ridge-Kentwood, Walker, Ponchatoula, Loranger

RUSTON: First-Arcadia, Cotton Valley, Farmerville, Gibsland-Oak Grove, Heflin, Hodge, First-Homer, Jonesboro, First-Minden, Shongaloo, Springhill, Bernice, Wesley Chapel

SHREVEPORT: Benton, First-Bossier City, Plain Dealing, First-Shreveport, Lakeview, Mangum, Noel Memorial, North Highlands, St. Luke's, Zwolle, First-Mansfield 105

For 1994-95, our Financial Goal is "To implement Five-Star 'Living' in order to accomplish Five-Star 'Giving'." "Living" requires personal/individual and unit participation! EXPERIENCE THE BLESSINGS OF FIVE-STAR "LIVING" AND BECOME A "STAR" IN YOUR CONFERENCE "GALAXY OF UNDESIGNATED GIVING."

U.M.W. PROJECT CONTINUES IN 1995 DESIGNATED GIFTS FOR ROOM FURNISHINGS AT OUR NEW LOUISIANA CONFERENCE CENTER

In, 1993, the Louisiana Conference U.M.W. adopted this Project, to give **"second-mile"** toward furnishing guest rooms at our New Louisiana Conference Center. The approximate cost to furnish one room will be between $3,000 - $5,000. Designated gifts from individuals, units, and districts will go toward furnishing rooms we hope to be using by 1996! NOW is the time to plan ahead by making all members aware of the opportunity to become a vital part of this exciting project.

All gifts should be transmitted through regular U.M.W. channels for giving, i.e. local members to unit treasurer, local units to district treasurers, district treasurers to conference treasurer, and marked for/reported as "Designated Gift for New Louisiana Conference Center - Room Furnishings."

If gifts are "in memory" or "in honor", the person/unit/district giving the gift must be responsible for notifying the honoree or family of person being memorialized. **Provisions have not been made for any type of written notification by mail or for recognition plaques at the center.** Your gifts will furnish rooms that "you" will be staying in overnight for Conference meetings. Because "you" are in mission through United Methodist Women, this project is in keeping with our Purpose.

Again, we remind you that gifts for this project should in no way affect your Pledge to Mission and other Undesignated Giving. We must be about supporting those mission projects we have already put in place, who are counting on our "undesignated" giving.

Mary Quinones
UMW Conference Treasurer

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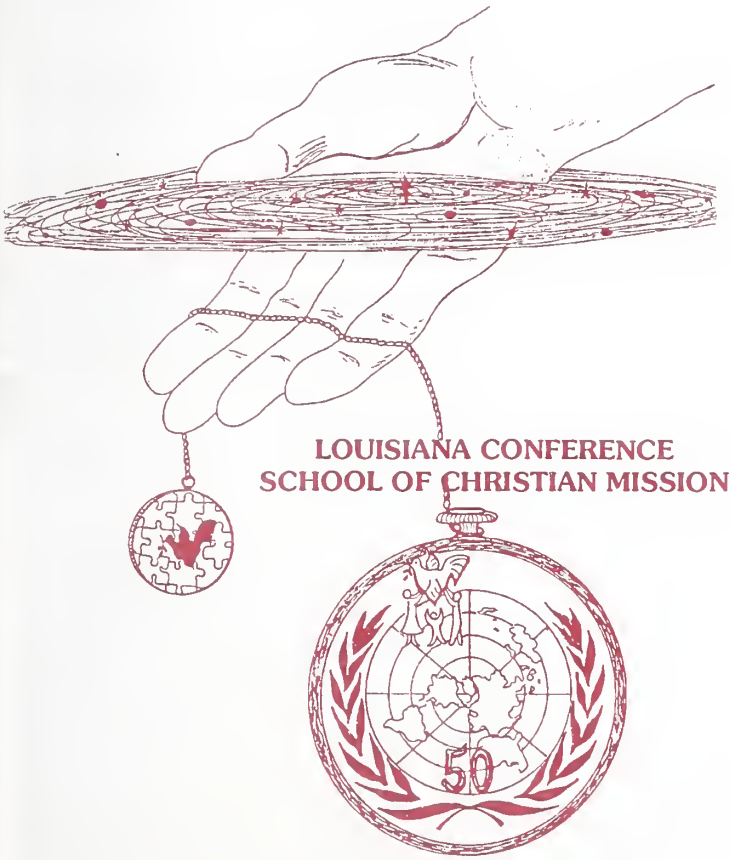

JULY 20-23, 1995
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At the mid-point of the last decade in this century, the attention of the world is more and more focused on the changing millennium. What has occurred in the 20th Century? What does it mean? And what does the next century hold for humanity and for the fragile earth? Scripture offers both assurance and guidance, but it also challenges us to ask the essential and complex questions of life.

In 1990, most of the political and economic world was dominated by Euro-centered colonialism. Outposts of European powers circled the globe. By mid-century, visions of a forged new world community emerged from the ashes of war in the Charter of the United Nations. Today, after much self-discovery and change, the world is struggling into new understandings of global community.

Change and the questions it brings are not new. In Ecclesiastes the Philosopher asks questions about God's will and human action. How do we address the complexities of life without falling into hopelessness or cynicism? We bring our faith stories, our reflections on new directions for Europe, and our new understandings of world community as expressed through the United Nations to strengthen our participation in God's mission in our time.

Fannie and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. We invite you to participate in the studies: "REMEMBERING THE FUTURE: THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCHES AND EUROPE," "THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS," and "ECCLESIASTES: THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE."

Betty Carlin

Dean Betty Carlin

Asst. Dean Fannie P. Reddix

From Your President

It is always amazing how timely the mission studies are, considering they are chosen five to six years in advance. This year the study on the **United Nations** will focus on its 50th anniversary; who could have known at that time, of the dramatic happenings in **Europe**? This year we are especially fortunate and proud to have one of our own as the author and study leader of the text on **Ecclesiastes**, Mary Lou Blakeman.

This year we are making a special effort to encourage high school girls to attend our School. Please do all you can to help promote this. Applicants in this category will be given preference to the Estelle Dameron Scholarship. (See form elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

Church Women United held their annual meeting at McGuire UMC in West Monroe on March 17-18. Retiring President Joyce Reed, a United Methodist Woman from Baton Rouge, was honored with a gift to missions from the Conference UMW. We are proud of all UMW members that participate and take leadership responsibilities in ecumenical activities.

The Evaluation Reports indicated a substantial loss of membership in 1994. It is believed that incomplete figures are responsible for some, although we know of actual loss in some cases. We have not met our Pledge to Missions in several years. There is much work to do. However, from the Evaluation Reports, I see evidence of lively, active units doing commendable work. We do what we do to show the love of God, not for our own glory.

Your conference elected leaders, the dean, assistant dean and study group leaders for our School of Christian Mission will go for training at the WEST GULF REGIONAL SCHOOL at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, June 25-29, 1995.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and many new ones at the Louisiana School of Christian Mission at Centenary College, July 20-23, 1995. The Dean, Betty Carlin, and Assistant Dean Fannie Reddix, have worked to make this a rewarding experience. Come, let us carry out Christ's mandate, to be in **MISSION!!**

Pat Cobb, President

CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES

The Charter committee announces that a "Promise Award" will be given at the 1996 Annual Meeting and annually thereafter. A facsimile of the award will be shown at the 1995 Annual Meeting.

The award will be given to the unit that has shown outstanding achievement in race relations.

This award is Biblically based. The following criteria should be met:

1) Explore the scripture mandates concerning the unity of humankind:

Ephesians 4:1-3	Luke 10:30-36
Philippians 2:5-8	Matthew 6:12-15
1 John 1:8-9	1 John 2:3-6
Matthew 22:34-40	Galatians 3:26-29

2) Discuss the Charter for Racial Justice Policies and how it has been implemented by you/your unit.

3) Invite people of other races that may not be included in your unit to assist with a program.

4) Read and share books (minimum of two books) on the Reading Program pertaining to the Charter for Racial Justice. "Eyes on the Prize" by Juan Williams (available through Service Center or Charter Committee member) is an excellent recommendation.

5) Read materials in Response and New World Outlook pertaining to race relations.

6) Show the Charter for Racial Justice Policies filmstrip, available through Service Center.

7) Document some action taken as a result of the study.

A form to submit candidates for this award will be available at a later date. Stay tuned!!

The Charter Committee is composed of the following persons: Pat Cobb, chairperson; Muriel Miller, Jan Randolph, Emily McCoy, Mary Quinones, Kathleen Conrad, and Lois Heath.

Prepare to "rekindle" your God-given gifts July 20-23 as you experience the 1995 Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission at Centenary College in Shreveport, LA.

Registration begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 20 at James Dormitory.

The Learning Center and Resource Room will be located in the Student Union Building and anxiously await your interaction. Displays are to be in place and ready for viewing by 9:00 a.m. Thursday. Plans are underway for an exciting educational mission adventure.

The School Committee has gone the extra mile to insure that the 1995 School of Christian Mission enhances and educates all participants' knowledge in the following studies:

Geographic: "Europe" (Emphasis on emergence of former Eastern Bloc Nations)

General Issue: "The United Nations"

Spiritual Growth: "Ecclesiates: The Meaning of Your Life"

Be on the look out for the new "Red Eye Theatre" scheduled nightly. Check the program for the scheduled times.

Join in the fun as you witness mission in action.

Kathleen Conrad,
Secretary of Publicity
and Public Relations

Special Concern

Geneva Bell served as a United Methodist Women officer on the local, district and conference levels for 26 years. She retired in 1994 as Conference Mission Coordinator for Christian Social Concerns. Geneva is staying with her daughter in Baton Rouge while she is undergoing treatment for cancer. Please keep her in your prayers. Geneva's address is:

737 Hadley
Baton Rouge, LA 70820
Phone: (504) 769-6148

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHEDULE - 1995

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1995

9:00-12:00	Registration - James Dormitory
9:00-12:00	Learning Center / Resource Room (SUB)
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45- 1:00	Community Sings - Kilpatrick Auditorium (Smith)
1:00 - 1:45	Gathering for All - Kilpatrick Auditorium (Smith)
2:00 - 3:00	Class - Ecclesiastes and Europe
3:15 - 4:15	Class - United Nations and Ecclesiastes
4:15 - 5:00	Learning Center / Resource Center (SUB)
4:15 - 5:00	First Timer Orientation (SUB)
5:00 - 5:30	Free Time
5:30 - 6:30	Supper
6:30 - 6:45	Community Sings - Kilpatrick Auditorium (Smith)
6:45 - 7:45	Women's Division Update - Kilpatrick Auditorium (Smith)
8:00 - Until	"Red Eye Theater" - Audio Visuals

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1995

6:45 - 7:00	Morning Praise - Hargrove Memorial Amphitheatre
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 8:45	Worship Service for All
9:00 -12:00	Class - Ecclesiastes and Europe (Those who are scheduled for United Nationsl will go to their Ecclesiastes class now.)
12:00 -1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:00	Free Time
1:00 - 2:00	Learning Center / Resource Room (SUB)
2:00 - 5:00	Class - United Nations and Ecclesiastes (Those who are scheduled for Europe will go to their Ecclesiastes class now.)
5:00 - 5:30	Free Time
5:30 - 6:30	Supper
6:30 - 6:45	Community Sings - Kilpatrick Auditorium (Smith)
6:45 - 7:45	UMW Focus - Kilpatrick Auditorium (Smith)
8:00 - 9:00	Fellowship and Refreshments (James Dormitory Lobby)
9:15 - Until	"Red Eye Theater" - Audio Visuals

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1995

6:45 - 7:00	Morning Praise - Hargrove Memorial Amphitheatre
7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 8:45	Worship Service for All
9:00-12:00	Class - Ecclesiastes and Europe (Those who are scheduled for United Nations will go to their Ecclesiastes class now.)
12:00 -1:00	Lunch
12:45 -1:45	Workshop for Mini-School Study Leaders
1:00 - 2:00	Free Time
2:00 - 5:00	Class - United Nations and Ecclesiastes (Those who are scheduled for Europe will go to their Ecclesiastes class now.)
5:00 - 5:30	Free Time
5:30 - 6:30	Supper
6:45 - 7:45	Special Guest Europe-Nancy Carruth-Kilpatrick Auditorium (Smith)
8:00 - 9:00	Districts Provide Games/Crafts/Activities and Refreshments (James Dorm)
9:15 - Until	"Red Eye Theater" - Audio Visuals

Sunday, July 23, 1995

7:00 - 8:00	Breakfast
8:15 - 9:15	Class - Ecclesiastes and Europe
9:30-10:30	Class - United Nations and Ecclesiastes
10:55 -	Sunday Morning Worship - Brown Chapel (No Lunch)

HOUSING • MEALS • FEES

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. The dorms will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. **Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space.** All rooms have two single beds with adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice of a roomate.

Bring **bed linens, pillow, blanket, towels, etc.** You will also need clothes hangers and **a cup for morning coffee.** If you would like to bring a telephone, all rooms have phone jacks. Air condiditoning often makes the classrooms cold, so bring a sweater. Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear and a tote bag should complete the list.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATIONS YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms.

All who stay on campus must purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with a policy of Centenary College. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. Meal prices are: Breakfast - $4.50; Lunch - $5.00; and Supper - $5.50. Lunch on Thursday, July 20 will be the first meal served; breakfast on Sunday, July 23, the last.

Also in accordance with the policy of Centenary College is the rule that there will be **NO SMOKING WITHIN THE DORMITORIES OR ANY OTHER BUILDING ON CAMPUS.**

Anyone not a member of the School Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to carpool **SHALL PAY $13.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS AS YOU GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE.**

Your address on campus will be:

James Dormitory
P.O. Box 41188
Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: (318) 869-5313

Housing and Meals (To be paid upon arrival at School):
Meals (9 meals) - $45.00
Housing (3 nights) - $39.00

George and Judy Gross

The Joyful Music of Christian Discipleship

Coordinating the music for this year's School are Judy and George Gross, from First UMC, Pineville. The "dynamic Duo" both play the piano, sing, direct adult, youth and children's choirs, and the FUMC Handbell Ensemble.

Judy has a degree from the University of South Carolina in music. George has been playing the piano for over 20 years and is the pianist for FUMC, Pineville.

The Grosses are the parents of the Hill Sisters, originally from Sumter, South Carolina, ages 13-19, with abounding musical talent which they lovingly share with the church and throughout the state.

If YOU wish to be a part of our SCHOOL CHOIR, look for a notice of when and where to meet with Judy and George upon arrival at School of Mission. Every year we are blessed by your participation. Help us joyfully proclaim through song our Christian Discipleship!

Introducing the 1995 School of Europe

GLORIA TUCK BENNETT is a former Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman (President); has served as Monroe District President of the United Methodist Women, Conference Coordinator of Christian School Involvement, and Assistant Dean of Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. She has taught in Louisiana, South Georgia and Virginia Conferences. Gloria attended Northeast Louisiana University and is a retired legal secretary and paralegal. She has served her local church (First UMC in Monroe) as Sunday School teacher, member of Administrative Board, member and chairman of various committees, and was the first woman to serve on her church's Board of Trustees. She is a Certified Lay Speaker. Her hobbies are reading, music, counted cross-stitch and photography.

Gloria Tuck Bennett

REV. ROBERT E. YOUNG is a native of Indiana and the son of a Methodist minister. He was recruited by Texas Christian University to play basketball. He served churches in Fort Worth, Waxahachie, Waco, Dallas, Grand Prairie and Burleson. He was elected April 1990 as Administrator and Chief Executive Officer of Mount Sequoyah Retreat and Conference Center and appointed June 1990. Bob is a member of the Central Texas Annual Conference. He has participated in many United Methodist events beyond the local and conference levels. Bob has directed retreats at Mount Sequoyah since 1976 and has conducted a number of preaching missions outside the United States. He has three children and four grandchildren and will retire from the ministry in June.

Rev. Robert E. Young

JENNY BELL has taught in Conference and District Schools of Christian Mission and served on the Board of Managers of the Texas Conference School of Mission for eight years. She retired from a banking career in Houston after 26 years and moved to North East Texas where she has served on both the district and conference in United Methodist Women. She has traveled with Conference Mission teams to Haiti, Greece, Italy, and Israel. She received her license to preach in 1988 and retired in 1992. In October 1994 she traveled to seven European countries on a lecture tour with Educational Opportunities. Jenny and her husband Herbert, have been married for fifty-five years. They have two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jenny Bell

GWENDOLYN STREAMS-SHERER is a native of Thibodaux, Louisiana. She earned her B.A. degree from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee and her M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision from Nicholls State University. She is the daughter of a Methodist minister and has been actively involved in the church all of her life. She is presently a member of Calvary UMC where she is a Communion Steward, President of UMW local unit, organist for the young adult choir, choir member and certified lay speaker. Gwendolyn is a teacher in the Lafource Parish School System. She is the mother of three daughters.

Gwendolyn Streams-Sherer

Ecclesiastes: The

MARY LOU BLAKEMAN is co-author of the text for the Ecclesiastes study. She was born in Sulphur, Louisiana, is married to Warren Blakeman, a United Methodist Minister, and is the mother of three children. She received a B.S. in Secondary Education from Centenary College, Specialist Degree in School Psychology from LSU-S and did graduate work at Perkins School of Theology. She is a School Psychologist in the Juvenile Justice System. Mary Lou is actively involved in her local church as well as on the district and conference levels. She is a Bible Study Teacher and a retreat leader. As a member of United Methodist Women she has held many offices and has taught in Conference and Regional Schools of Christian Mission.

Mary Lou Blakeman

REV. MARVA MITCHELL is pastor of Felicity United Methodist Church and the Executive Director of Peoples United Methodist Community Center. She is a native of New Orleans, the mother of two sons and has three grandsons. Marva lived in California for a number of years where she worked in the banking profession and served in the Lay Ministry before becoming an ordained United Methodist Minister. She is a member of the General Board of Discipleship and serves on several conference committees. She has spoken for numerous events including United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting and UMW Sunday services.

Rev. Marva Mitchell

Christian Mission Teachers

United Nations

JOYCE HAZEL is an elementary teacher holding a Master's degree in education, and has done further study in education and technology. She has served the Lake Charles District United Methodist Women as President, Vice President, and Coordinator for Christian Social Involvement. Joyce has served in several capacities on the local, district and conference levels, and has led a number of mission studies, workshops, and retreats throughout the district. Joyce is affiliated with several civic and social organizations, presently serving as chairperson of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the city of Lake Charles. She is finance officer for the Louisiana Conference Board of Discipleship and secretary of the Conference Committee on Episcopacy. She is a member of Warren United Methodist Church and is coordinator for Warren's Church Based After-School Tutorial program. She is married to Freddy Hazel and has four children and four grandchildren.

Joyce Hazel

BARBARA BOSWELL STAUSS lives in Jackson, Mississippi and has five children and five grandchildren. She has been a study leader in Conference Schools of Mission in North Alabama, North and South Georgia, Tennessee-Memphis, Kentucky-Louisville, Mississippi. She has served as President of Mississippi Conference United Methodist Women and Church Women United. Barbara was elected a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference and is treasurer of the Mississippi unit of World Federation of Methodist Women. She is active in her local church and has been organist for 30 years.

Barbara B. Stauss

BETTY KEYES has been an active member of United Methodist Women for 42 years serving as District President and on the Conference Mission Team for 12 years. She attended San Antonio College, Westmoreland College and incarnate Word College and claims a degree in "UMW" based on many years of study and educational opportunities in the organization. Betty has led "Listening Skills" workshops throughout the Southwest Texas Conference for 14 years and has been a study leader in Conference Schools of Christian Mission. She is vice president of the Board of Directors of the Wesley Community Centers of San Antonio. A music teacher for fifty years, Betty, with her husband Carl, is a member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church in San Antonio. They have seven children and eighteen grandchildren.

Betty Keyes

MARY MORRIS grew up in McMinnville, Tennessee. She received a B.A. Degree from Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, and an M.A. from New York University. Mary has been an elementary teacher, a remedial reading instructor, elementary school consultant, and principal. She has been leader for District and Conference United Methodist Women Spiritual Life Retreats and District Secretary. Mary is a member of the Tennessee Conference Work Area on Worship and Conference Board of Diaconal ministers. She and her husband Bishop William Wesley Morris and one son live in Montgomery, Alabama.

Mary Morris

Meaning of Your Life

REV. ALONZO J. CAMPBELL is a native of New Orleans. He and his wife Jacqueline have one son. Alonzo graduated Cum Laude from Clark Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary and received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was honored as one of 100 ministers at the "Celebrating the Call" Convocation sponsored by the division of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Church. He was elected as a Jurisdictional Conference and Reserve General Conference Delegate in 1988 and 1992. Alonzo was also honored by the City of Slidell when June 26, 1994 was declared by the Mayor and City Council as "Dr. Alonzo J. Campbell Day." He has served many churches in the Louisiana Conference and is presently pastor of the Hartzell Mt. Zion church in Slidell.

Rev. Alonzo J. Campbell

REV. ARNOLD V. BROWN is a native of Franklinton, Louisiana and is married to Doris Brown; they have one son. Rev. Brown earned his Biology Pre-Med degree from Dillard University, New Orleans; Master of Divinity Degree from Gammon Theological Seminary. He is the pastor of Neely United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. In addition to serving other churches in the conference he has been a Summer Camp Counselor at Caney Lake; served on the district Council on Ministries and Board of ordained Ministries and is presently on the Conference Board of Pensions. Rev. Brown has taught in the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission and in the Baton Rouge District Mini School.

Rev. Arnold V. Brown

G • E • N • E • R • A • L I • N • F • O • R • M • A • T • I • O • N

FIRST TIMERS - Anyone who is attending the School of Mission for the first time is asked to meet with Betty Carlin and Fannie P. Reddix in the SUB at 4:15 p.m.

RESOURCE ROOM - Lottie Palazzo, Secretary of Program Resources invites you to visit the Resource Room in the SUB from 9:00 a.m. until noon on Thursday and at times posted for the other days. She will have books you will need for participation in each of the studies. Also there will be plenty of free and inexpensive materials that will help you and your unit.

LEARNING CENTER - The Learning Center is a part of the School of Christian Mission that you will not want to miss. The area includes displays by each district and some conference officers. For each study, there will be three different displays. The Learning Center will be coordinated by Kathleen Conrad, Secretary for Publicity and Public Relations. The Learning Center will be located in the SUB.

THE OFFERING - The offering will be Undesignated with reference to the United Nations. Mary Quinones will provide more details on the offering.

AUDIO VISUALS - Kathleen Conrad will coordinate the audio-visuals that pertain to the studies.

TABLE GRACES - Helen Allemond, Mission Coordinator for Christian Personhood, has asked several of the districts to prepare prayer cards for each table in the dining hall. You are encouraged to use them as you come to dine.

MEDITATION ROOM - The Meditation Room is located in James Dorm. You can frequent this quiet room to re-focus during these four days. You may also browse as you meditate.

MEDICAL INFO - Vera Bullock will serve as our school nurse and will be located in James Dormitory.

NOTE - Please understand that our insurance policy prohibits the attendance of children.

COURTESY TRANSPORTATION TO CLASSES - Volunteers willing to provide transportation to and from classes are asked to sign up at registration and provide proof of insurance. Those persons who have need of this service should make a request when they register. Marie Young is the coordinator.

Texts for 1995

ECCLESIASTES: THE MEANING OF YOUR LIFE

Basic Text: Ecclesiastes: The Meaning of Your Life; Authors: Hea Sun Kim and Mary Lou Blakeman with commentary by Lisa M. Wolfe and study guide by Carolyn Henninger Oehler. $3.95 Written as letters between the two authors, this study is organizaed thematically. Out of their own cultural contexts and faith journeys, the authors reflect on the contradictions found withing the Book of Ecclesiastes on the topics of vanity and meaning, wisdom and folly, wealth and poverty, toil and pleasure, life and death. Each chapter includes commentary and Biblical analysis. The study guide is included in the text and encourages participants to reflect on their own understandings related to these themes.

EUROPE

Basic Text: Remembering the Future: The Challenge of the Churches in Europe; Author: Robert C. Lodwick, ed. - $8.95; Leader's Guide to Europe Study; Author: John O. Gooch - $4.95; Designed as a regional study tour, this book offers a survey of church situations in the British Isles, Latin Europe, Northern Europe, Central Europe, the Balkans and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Writers from all parts of Europe illuminate many fascinating subjects including the complex ethno-religious conflict of the Balkans, signs of hope in Northern Ireland, and reflections on church-state issues in the former Communist nations. Articles are supplemented by interviews, profiles, vignettes, ecumenical statements, maps, photos, and a glossary.

THE UNITED NATIONS: A COMMUNITY OF NATIONS

Basic Text: The Community of Nations; Authors: Mia Adjali and Deborah Storms - $7.95; Study Guide to the United Nations - $5.95; Marking the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, writers from different parts of the world reflect on this extraordinary community's original mission and principles, examine some of its successes and failures, and evaluate its potential for the future. Chapters focus on peacekeeping, human rights, environment and sustainable development, women, children, and health – issues of mutual concern to the UN and to North American Christians. Illustrated with photos and charts.

SEND APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 1995

Estelle Dameron

School of Christian Mission Scholarships

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1995 School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana July 20-23, 1995.

This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting a woman interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "greying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend the School of Christian Mission and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

Please send only one applicant per unit. Applications must be mailed to: Mrs. Harriette Elrod • 111 DeSoto Street • Tallulah, LA 71282.

Estelle Dameron

School of Christian Mission Scholarships Application

District _____ Unit (Name of Church) _____

Location _____ New _____ No. in Unit _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant has ☐/ has not ☐ attended a School of Christian Mission before

Applicant's Age grouping: ☐high school ☐ under 35 ☐35-50 ☐ 51 or older

Employed: ☐ Full time ☐ Part time
☐ Retired ☐ Student ☐ Homemaker

Age of children: ☐ Pre-school ☐ School ☐ Not at home

Applicant's choice of study:
☐ Europe ☐ United Nations

Name of unit president or contact person:

_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

To be written by applicant on separate sheet:

I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because...

"HOPE AND WHOLENESS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH"

The Women's Division is accepting applications for grants from the "Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth". These one-time grants will not exceed $6,000.00 Organizations with either new or existing projects may apply. Available funds are limited.

Funds received from United Methodist Women for "Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth" will be used to support projects which meet the needs for young people 8 to 18 years of age in the areas of health concerns, non-formal education, spiritual well-being, care-taking concerns, and young people in crisis. To determine if the project you have in mind meets the specific criteria to apply for these grant funds, please contact your District President, District Treasurer, or any Louisiana Conference UMW Officer (all have copies). To request an application form, write or call:

Lois R. Heath
Secretary for Financial Promotion
1263 Progress Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3327
(504) 775-7846

The Deadline for submitting completed applications is June 9, 1995.

Registration

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

REGISTRATION (Insurance Coverage) FEE - **$10.00**

Payable to: Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women

Housing and Meal cost will be paid upon arrival. If you include it with this form it will be returned to you. No registration fee will be returned after July 10, 1995. Send entire Registration / Housing form below with your $10.00 to: **Gail Epperson • 1305 Greenlawn • Slidell, LA 70460**

Women't Division to Launch Membership Campaign 1996-2002

By Harriette Elrod, Membership Chairperson

Yes! "Count Me In!"

What an exciting and challenging time to be a member of United Methodist Women and to be engaged in meaningful participation through our PURPOSE!

The Women's Division approved a major membership campaign at its October, 1994 Annual Meeting. The Theme for this six year membership focus is "Yes! Count Me In!".

Ressie Mae Bass, executive secretary for membership, said, "the purpose of the campaign is to recruit, maintain and sustain the organization of United Methodist Women and to generate new enthusiasm for full participation in mission with women, children and youth."

The campaign goals are:

- To challenge each local unit of United Methodist Women to join the 1996-2002 Membership Campaign
- To increase the membership of each District by 10% each year by emphasizing:

...teen women (age 13-18) and university/college women;
...young women (age 19+)
...newly retired women
...women of various racial, cultural and language groups

- To nurture and expand all members' understanding of mission with women, children and youth
- To challenge each local church to organize unit of United Methodist Women where there is none
- To reduce barriers for current and potential members within the organizational culture of United Methodist Women.

REGISTRATION FORM - LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION
CENTENARY COLLEGE

Name _____
Address _____
_____ **Zip** _____
Church _____
District _____

(INCLUDE THE $10 REGISTRATION FEE ONLY)

STUDIES

Everyone participates in the study of Ecclesiastes. Also, choose one of the following:

☐ **Europe** ☐ **The United Nations**

Check all the following that apply to you:

☐ **Attending School of Mission for the first time**
☐ **Workshop for leaders of District Mini-Schools**
☐ **District Officer Staying in ☐ dorm/ ☐ off-campus**

HOUSING INFORMATION

☐ **Dormitory -or- ☐ Off Campus**

Name _____
Address _____
_____ **Zip** _____
Home Telephone # _____
District _____
Roommate preferred _____
(Please submit together if possible)

IF YOU NEED A FIRST FLOOR ROOM, YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE

Housing and Meals will be paid upon arrival at the school. Arriving: Date _____ **Time** _____

DO NOT FILL IN BELOW THIS LINE

Assigned to: _____
Room # : _____

TO: CSI COORDINATORS From: Muriel Miller, Conference CSI

Coordinators for Christian Social Involvement have the privilege of helping UMW local units work toward the improvement of the social, economic, environmental, and political conditions that affect women and children throughout the world. Our Christian responsibility is to put our faith into action by keeping local units informed about the basic activities of CSI. They include:

...strengthening our commitment to peace and justice for all of God's creations;

...choosing priority issues on which to focus District efforts of study and action, while considering Conference priorities;

...involving the members of the units in letter writing campaigns and to be informed regarding legislative activites; and

...encouraging the use of the Reading Program.

The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Its members have often taken positions on controversial issues involving Christian principles. Early Methodists expressed their opposition to the slave trade, to smuggling, and to the cruel treatment of prisoners.

A social creed was adopted by the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1908, and has been revised and adopted by the General Conference of the UMC. The Principles are a prayerful and thoughtful effort to speak to the human issues...from a biblical and theological foundation. During a recent Interfaith/Impact meeting in Washington, D. C., the United Methodist Women were asked to join a letter writing campaign to elected Representatives and Senators expressing their views. A simple hand written letter is the most effective way of contracting your Congressman. You may consult your copy of the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church to learn how your church stands on some of the issues which are before us. Some topics for your consideration in writing are:

1) Major Environmental Protection Laws: Safe Drinking Water Act, Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act, Wetlands protection.

2) Regulation of tobacco by the Food & Drug Administration: 400,000 Americans will die this year from smoking related diseases.

3) Hunger and Poverty: Low Income Housing, Head Start, Program for Women - Infants - & Children (WIC), Block Grants to States

4) International Justice and Peace: Military Spending, Trident II -- Nuclear Missile, B2 Bomber, Nuclear Testing and Proliferation

5) Civil and Human Rights: Crime, Assault Weapons Ban, Racial Justice Act, Violence Against Women Act, Immigrant Rights

Write to: Senator Breaux, Senator Johnston, and your Representative.

Program Resource Notes

from Lottie Palazzo

Books from the Reading Program I've read recently, which I highly recommend are:

1) The Measure of Our Success, by Martin Wright Edelman. Letters written to her sons, and suggenstions for living. This is a book which should be in every's church's libaray. ('94 CSI)

2) Encountering Jesus, by Zan Holmes. If you've ever head Zan preach, you can picture him in the pulpit as you read this. He can help the laity and clergy alike get to know Jesus better. ('94 CP)

3) Remember Lot's Wife, by April Yamasaki. An excellent book for small group discussions or personal reading. Stories of fifty women whose names are not in the Bible - only their actions or circumstances. ('94 CP)

4) Partners in Grace, by Michael Elliot. Stories from a minister who directs a shelter for the homeless - how he affects their life, how they affect the community and how he is affecte by them. ('95 CSI)

5) The Wedding Dress, by Carrie Young. Moving stories from Norwegian settlers in the Dakotas at the turn of the century. ('95 SC)

6) Cultural Etiquette: A guide for the Well-Intentioned, by Amoja Three Rivers. A very small book which will shake up even the least racist person - how many types of hurt do you inflict each day? ('95 SC)

7) Outlaw for God: The Esther Bacon Story, by J. Birney Dibble. A fascinating acount of the life of a nurse in Liberia who dedicated her entire life to the mission field, before, during, and after World War II. ('94 CGC)

Of course there are many wonderful books available from recent lists as well as this year - remember, you can use several years' lists for each of the Reading Plans. I encourage every unit to begin circulating a few books, so all your members can participate in this excellent program.

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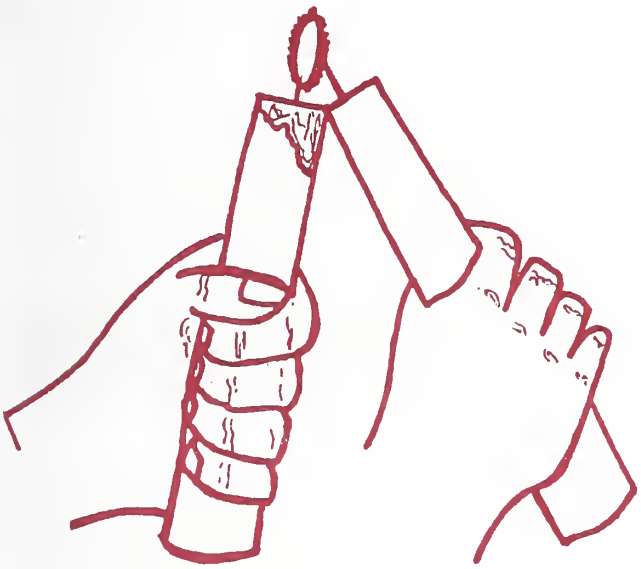

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The twenty-second Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette, Louisiana, on Friday, September 15, 1995.

Conference President Pat Cobb will preside over the meeting. Reverend Robert Burgess, pastor of the host church, Emily McCoy, president of Acadiana District, Reverend Terry Willis, district superintendent of Acadiana, and Mary Smallwood, local president of Asbury United Methodist Women, will welcome participants as they gather for this Annual Celebration of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women in mission.

The theme, "Pass It On," based on the scripture text John 4:39 and the hymn "Pass It On," were selected in order to carry out the rich heritage of women in mission, extending hope for mission work in generations to come.

Mary Lou Blakeman, co-author of the spiritual growth text, "Ecclesiastes: The Meaning of Your Life," will address the annual meeting on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Kathleen Conrad is the chairperson of the annual meeting and Mary Spell is co-chairperson. Mary Smallwood is chairperson of local arrangements.

Asbury United Methodist Church

Kathleen Conrad
Chairperson

Mary Spell
Co-Chairperson

Call to Annual Meeting

"Pass It On!" That is what we must do if United Methodist Women is to be a vital organization into the next century. We will look at our heritage and discuss ways of passing the torch at the 1995 Conference Annual Meeting at Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette on September 15-16.

Often in the past we have brought in speakers from distant places. This year, we have one of our own as the ideal person to enthuse us and excite us about membership, Mary Lou Blakeman, who among many other accomplishments, is a past Conference Secretary for Membership and co-author of the spiritual growth study book for this year on Ecclesiastes. Many of you already know Mary Lou for her varied involvement and love of UMW. If you haven't had this privilege you won't want to miss this year's meeting.

As in recent years, in lieu of a large banquet, Districts are encouraged to meet together for dinner prior to the evening session on Friday. Presidents will be provided with a list of restaurants that will accommodate groups so that advance arrangements can be made.

Our thanks to the energetic and hard-working Annual Meeting Task Force, chaired by Kathleen Conrad and assisted by Mary Spell. We look forward to being in Acadiana, where Emily McCoy is District President. We'll be looking for you!

Pat Cobb, Conference President

THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS MAKES THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICE TO BE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, 1995:

Nominated for re-election to an additional 2-year term:
...President:
Pat Cobb, 7117 Memphis Street, New Orleans, LA 70124
...Secretary:
Fannie Reddix, 1330 Cambronne, New Orleans, LA 70118
... Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns:
Marie Young, 3017 N. 12th Street, West Monroe, LA 71291
...Chairperson, Committee on Membership:
Harriette Elrod, 111 Desoto Street, Tallulah, LA 71282

Nominated for election to a 2-year term:
...Secretary of Program Resources:
Gwen Streams-Sherrer, 753 St. Charles St., Thibodaux, LA 70301
...Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations:
Rita Parham, 824 Europe Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
...For a 1 year term - Coordinator of Christian Personhood:
Annette Fortuna
Nominated for election to **Committee on Nominations** for a four year term:
Eloise Cox, Box 76, Jena, LA 71312
Rosalie Pryor, 501 Douglas Street, Alexandria, LA 71301

Repsectfully Submitted by Jan Randolph, Chairman
Committee on Nominations

THE MISSION CANDLE

The lighting of the MISSION CANDLE will again be a significant part of our CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING, to be held this year on September 15-16, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Lafayette. The Mission Candle was first lit at the 1979 Conference Annual Meeting as a Centennial Celebration of women organized for Mission. Because of the loving and diligent promotion of Janet Hoffpauir followed by Shirley Hoffpauir serving as Conference Treasurers, the tradition has evolved to represent our rich heritage in the past, present, and future as women committed to the work of organized mission. Units and individuals will want to be a part of this meaningful expression of our united commitment to a worldwide program of mission outreach.

The MISSION CANDLE will burn for the exact length of time our total gifts will support mission through the Women's Division. When these offerings are used up, the candle will be extinguished. OUR GOAL is to burn the candle throughout the Conference Annual Meeting. This goal can become a reality if every local unit gives 1-minute or more for the MISSION CANDLE. There is no minimum or maximum gift requirement. All monies are incorporated into each District's PLEDGE TO MISSION.

PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW to list names, indicating in which section each name is to be inscribed. SEND THE FORM WITH GIFT(S) TO YOUR DISTRICT TREASURER BY SEPTEMBER 2. CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY FORM. (Photocopy this form to give individual members an opportunity to give in addition to unit gifts.)

THE MISSION CANDLE

The 1995 Cost of Mission Support:
1 second $0.64
1 minute $38.55
5 minutes $192.77
1 hour $2,313.19

MISSION CANDLE

Celebrate UMW

- PAST
- PRESENT
- FUTURE

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Person Submitting Form: _____

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City _____ Phone _____

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PROGRAM

"PASS IT ON" SCRIPTURE: JOHN 4:39 (NIV)

THEME HYMN: "PASS IT ON"

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE
INVOCATION
CONVENING OF THE 22ND ANNUAL MEETING..... Pat Cobb
AFFIRMING OUR PURPOSE (In Unison)
WELCOME .....Rev. Terry Willis, Rev. Robert L. Burgess
Emily McCoy, Mary Smallwood
RECOGNITION OF VISITORS.....Pat Cobb
PRESENTATION OF PROGRAM ..... Kathleen Conrad, Mary Spell
LIGHTING OF THE MISSION CANDLE.....Lueburda Myers
HYMN, "PASS IT ON" .....Hymn No. 572
OPENING DEVOTIONAL .....Rev. Juliet Deschner
SPECIAL MUSIC

BUSINESS SESSION

PRESIDENT'S REPORT .....Pat Cobb
RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REPORTS

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED
WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST WOMEN
CONFERENCE GOALS FOR 1996
MEMBERSHIP
SAGER-BROWN ENABLING MINISTRIES
FINANCE REPORT AND 1996 BUDGET
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS .....Jan Randolph
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

BREAK

U.M.W. SINGS
GREETINGS FROM THE JURISDICTION.....Myrtle Clingenpeel

PROJECT REPORTS

MACDONELL UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S SERVICES
DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER
ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER
HONORING OF RETIRING OFFICERS .....Seola Callahan
CLOSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION

FRIDAY EVENING - 7:30 P.M.

U.M.W. SINGS
EVENING DEVOTIONAL.....Rev. Darlene Moore James
SPECIAL MUSIC
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER .....Pat Cobb
MESSAGE .....Mary Lou Blakeman
HYMN
BENEDICTION

SATURDAY MORNING - 8:30 A.M.

U.M.W. SINGS
MORNING DEVOTIONAL .....Rev. Ann Sutton
SPECIAL MUSIC
PLEDGE SERVICE .....Lois Heath
REPORT OF REGISTRATION
SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION .....Pat Cobb
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER
MESSAGE.....Mary Lou Blakeman
OFFERTORY PRAYER
OFFERING
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS .....Janelle McCammon
INVITATION TO 1996 ANNUAL MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

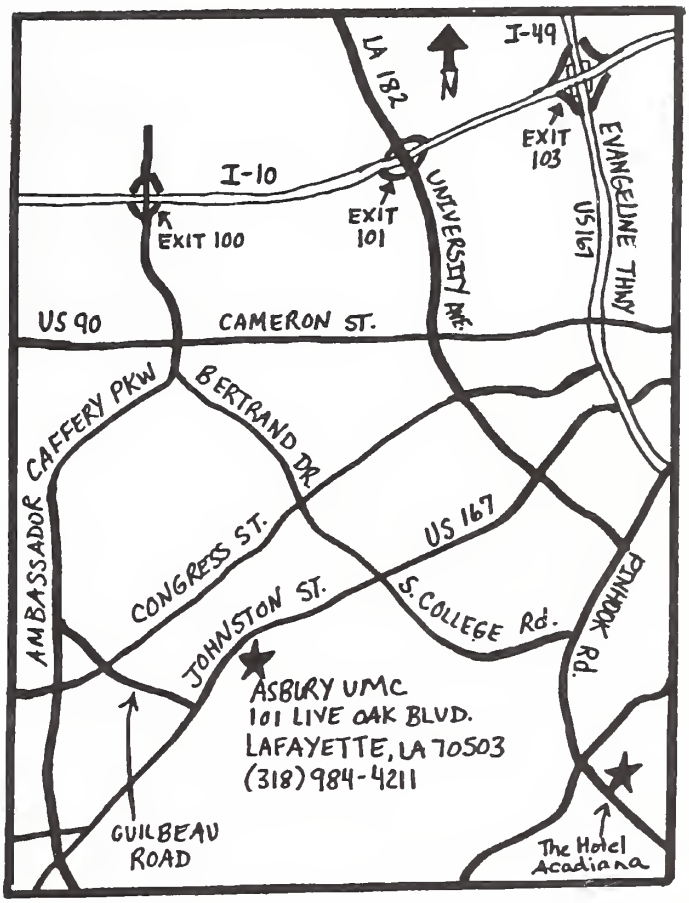
BREAK

COMMUNION MEDITATION & CELEBRANT... Rev. Deborah L. Drash
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
SENDING FORTH
POSTLUDE

HOUSING INFORMATION - HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The Hotel Acadiana
1801 West Pinhook Road
Lafayette, Louisiana 70508
(318) 233-8120
LA: 1-800-874-4664 or USA: 1-800-826-8386

Room Rates - $60 plus 10.5% tax (1,2,3 or 4 persons) Reservations Deadline: September 2, 1995 . Tell the reservations clerk that you are with United Methodist Women.



It lay in my hand, so tiny, so lovely, reflecting the light with its golden hue. What made it so precious to me? Was it the gold? the precious stones? No, what made it so precious to me is that it came from my mentor in United Methodist Women. It was her pin, given to her in love, with respect and great appreciation by women dedicated to mission. As I looked at Estelle's W.S.C.S. pin, I reflected on what she has passed on to me.

This year, our emphasis during Annual Meeting is on membership. As part of this emphasis, let's remember our past. If you have a United Methodist Women's membership pin (or one from a predecessor organization), either yours or one passed on to you by someone significant in your life, plan to wear it during Annual Meeting. Let's share with pride the stories these pins tell about women and service in mission!

Mary Lou Blakeman

PROGRAM

MARY LOU BLAKEMAN
Keynote Speaker

Mary Lou Blakeman is the co-author of the 1995 spiritual growth study text titled "Ecclesiastes: The Meaning of Your Life." She was born in Sulphur, Louisiana and is married to H. Warren Blakeman, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Monroe, Louisiana. She is the mother of three children. She received a B.S. degree in secondary education from Centenary College, specialist degree in school psychology from LSU, and did graduate work at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. She is a School Psychologist in the Juvenile Justice System. Mary Lou is actively involved in her church as well as on the local, district, and conference levels. She is a Bible study teacher and a retreat leader. As a member of United Methodist Women she has held many offices and has taught in Conference and Regional Schools of Christian Mission.

REV. ROBERT L. BURGESS, SR.
Host Church Pastor

Rev. Robert L. Burgess, Sr., pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, is a native of Arkansas. He received his B.A. degree from Northeast Louisiana University and his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. He has served in a number of pastoral appointments including Crowville/Baskin Charge, Student Charges in Kentucky, Slaughter/Bluff Creek, Newellton Union, St. Mark's/Little Creek Charge, First United Methodist, Minden; and First United Methodist Church, Shreveport. Rev. Burgess has served in many Louisiana Conference issues and committees. Reverend Burgess is married to the former Peggy Delores Cromwell, a native of Monroe, Louisiana. They have two children, Christy Lynn Kelly and Karen Leigh Burgess. His hobbies include all kinds of sports such as golf, softball, and fishing.

SEOLA CALLAHAN
Honor Retiring Officers

Seola Callahan has served in many capacities on the local, district, and conference levels of United Methodist Women. She has served as conference chairperson of District Elected Leaders Training, as well as Retreat and Annual Meeting chairperson and is an immediate past Conference Secretary. Seola is a member of Oakdale United Methodist Church and is the Lake Charles District Lay leader. She is the secretary of the Conference Council on Ministries. Seola was elected a delegate to the 1992 and 1996 Jurisdictional Conferences. In 1994 she was awarded the Sojourner Truth Award by the Commission on Status and Role of Women. She is a bookkeeper and a Notary Public. Seola is Aquatic Director and instructor for the Elizabeth Recreation District. She has three children and five grandchildren.

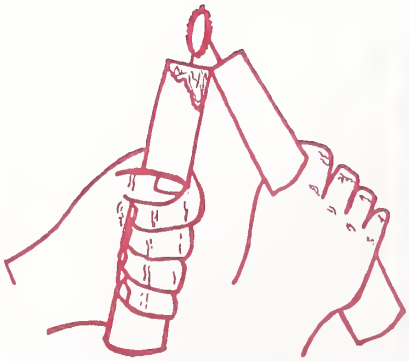
MYRTLE CLINGENPEEL
Jurisdiction Guest

Myrtle Clingenpeel, is the treasurer of the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group and of the local United Methodist Women unit that she belongs to. She teaches math at Putnam City High School in Oklahoma City. Myrtle presently serves as a lay member of Annual Conference and chairperson of the Education Work area in the church to which she belongs. She is married to Tom Clingenpeel and they have one son, Thomas, who is a senior at Texas A&M. Myrtle spends her "free" time during the summer driving, assisting in Vacation Bible School, delivering Mobile Meals to shut-ins, and rarely turns down an opportunity for service.

JANELLE G. McCAMMON
Installation of Officers

Janelle G. McCammon is a native of Conway, Arkansas. She is a graduate of Hendrix College. She is the widow of Rev. C. McCammon, former minister of the Louisiana conference. She is a former president of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women. At age nineteen, Janelle became a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild and has been actively involved in the work of United Guild, as well as being actively involved in United Methodist Women and its predecessor organizations throughout her adult life. She has served in many capacities in local, district, and conference organizations. Janelle is the mother of two daughters and has two grandchildren. She presently resides in Lafayette where she is a member of the First United Methodist Church, Chairperson of the Committee on Evangelism, member of the administrative board and the United Methodist Women.

MARY SMALLWOOD
Local Arrangements



"Pass It On!!!"
John 4:39

PERSONNEL

REV. JULIET DESCHNER
Opening Devotional Leader

Rev. Juliet Padgham Deschner was born in Ardmore, Oklahoma. After attending the University of Southwestern Louisiana, she moved to Dallas and attended Perkins School of Theology. While attending school, she served as Youth Director and part-time associate pastor of Central Congregational United Church of Christ. She is married to Rev. John G. Deschner and has a two year-old daughter, Veronica Eleanor Deschner. Rev. Deschner has served as an associate pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church and is currently an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

REV. DEBORAH L. DRASH
Communion Celebrant

Rev. Deborah L. Drash is senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Thibodaux and Vacherie United Methodist Church. She was born in Gadsden, Alabama. She is a graduate of the University of South Florida and Candler School of Theology, Emory University. She is presently enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Degree program at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Rev. Drash has served on numerous conference and District committees in the Louisiana Conference, including the Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry; Conference Communications, Board of Directors for the United Methodist Children's Home of New Orleans. She is a free-lance author and is published widely. Rev. Drash has served in a number of pastoral appointments within the Louisiana Conference. Among these are Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport; St. Luke's UMC, Baton Rouge; and Kentwood-Mt. Hermon UMC. She is married to Joseph Andrew Dionisi. Her hobbies include liturgical sacred dance, designing and constructing worship banners and clergy stoles, as well as spending time with friends.

REV. DARLENE MOORE JAMES
Friday Evening Devotional Leader

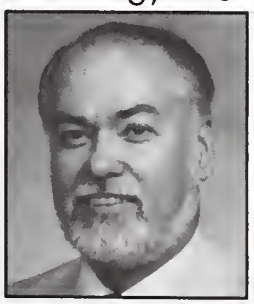
Rev. Darlene Moore James is a native of Mandeville, Louisiana. Rev. James is a graduate of Dillard University and received a Master of Divinity Degree from Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. She is pastor of the Jones and Mallalieu United Methodist Churches. Darlene has served as a worship leader, communion celebrant, and Women's Day speaker on the local, district, and conference levels. She is active on the Conference Board of church Extension and District Board of Trustees. She is married to Joshua James and has one son, Joshua, II.

REV. ANN SUTTON
Saturday Morning Devotional Leader

Rev. Ann Sutton is a graduate of Louisiana State University and is currently enrolled in Course of Study School at Emory University. She is an associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Lafayette. Ann is married to Scott Sutton and has two children, Drew and Dan. She is a soccer coach and enjoys reading, walking, music, and watching her two sons play whatever sports are in season.

REV. TERRY WILLIS
Acadiana District Superintendent

Rev. Terry Willis is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and received his seminary degree from Perkins School of Theology. He has served several churches in the conference and also served on the Board of Discipleship and Commission on Equi table Salaries, as well as the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. He and his wife (the former Judy Whatley) have three sons.



LUEBURDA J. MYERS
Mission Candle Lighter

Lueburda J. Myers is a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, where she is president of United Methodist Women, Lay Leader, and Lay Speaker. She is past secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group and literature secretary of the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission. She has a B.S. degree in health, physical education, recreation, and social studies and a Master's degree in secondary supervision and administration. She has given of her many talents on various church and civic boards. She is married to Kenneth Myers and has two sons, Rhett and Kenneth, and has three grandchildren.

$$$$$ YOUR PLEDGE DOLLAR $$$$$

In 1994, the Louisiana Conference UMW "underpaid" its Pledge to Mission by nearly 21%. The "flip-side" is - we "paid" nearly 80% of our Pledge to Mission! It depends on one's perspective as to whether a glass is "half-empty" or "half-full". The question is - how to meet our Pledge to Mission 100% for 1995?

You will determine our Mission Giving for 1995! God has blessed each of you with different gifts, and each one of you must look inside to find that special gift which will "Rekindle our UMW Spirit for Mission Living in 1995!"

As your Treasurer, it is my responsibility to report to you that Undesignated Mission Giving was down nearly 8% in the 1st quarter of 1995:

Undesignated Giving		Designated Giving	
1st Quarter 1994	$ 68,512.29	1st Quarter 1994	$ 17,233.37
1st Quarter 1995	$ 63,303.59	1st Quarter 1995	$ 15,105.41
Difference	$ 5,198.70	Difference	$ 2,127.96

Mission "Living" is indeed the answer to meeting our conference pledge. In comparing the use of undesignated channels of giving in 1995 and 1995 - 1st Quarters, it is evident that there is a general decline in all areas. So, how do we "Think Mission Living?"

- Give a Special Mission Recognition pin to a friend who has "been there for you" through a rough time. Several friends could get together to honor one friend in this way.
- Send a Gift to Mission Card to someone who just had a baby to say "thank you" or "congratulations"; to remember a special day; to a missionary in the service of Christ; or just let a friend know you're thinking of them. Why wait for your unit to take care of the personal matters for you. A really nice greeting card at the store can cost between $3 - $5 and the money does not go for mission. Encourage your unit to sell these beautiful cards to members of your congregation, for their personal use.
- When a friend loses a loved one, a very thoughtful remembrance is the "Gift in Memory" card. Use these personally and promote them within your congregation.
- Give to the "World Thank Offering" in personal thanks for all the many blessings God has given to you, your family and friends. Daily thanks will equal much more than a single check written during World Thank Offering Month. Celebrate being thankful every day.
- Prayerfully consider increasing your "Personal Pledge" to mission, and encourage your unit to give over and above its pledge in 1995.

When we make mission personal, it comes alive for women and children throughout the United States and to the ends of the earth. REKINDLE MISSION "LIVING" DAILY - the blessing will be yours, too!

Shalom,
Mary Quinones, Conference Treasurer

Conference MemberSHIP

By Harriette Elrod, Chairperson

Orders have come down from Headquarters! Women's Division issued this directive: "Launch membership Campaign 1996-2002!" UMW Louisiana, Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women, has been called into active service. The alert comes from Admiral Ressie Mae Bass, executive secretary for MemberSHIP. Admiral Bass states, "...the purpose of the campaign is to recruit, maintain and sustain the organization of United Methodist Women and to generate new enthusiasm for full participation in mission with women, children, and youth."

Training at NOTE re-kindled gifts of leadership in such conference officers as Lt. Comdr. Marie Young. After the Chicago maneuvers, Lt. Comdr. Young was assigned to command the DELT mission. The assigned vessel the UMW HardSHIP was halted by a mine barrier of non-functioning speakers. This hazard is so frequent that UMW FriendSHIP quickly responded to an SOS with Admiral Pat Cobb and her mission team as the salvage crew. After the success of the DELT mission, the LELT commanders planned to continue the campaign in their district theater of operations. LELT strategy assigned each Local Unit to the following vessels with each having a definite mission:

...UMW COURTSHIP...to "woo" or recruit new members;
...UMW FELLOWSHIP... to maintain and sustain the organization;
...UMW KINSHIP...to stress connectionalism and the Wide Family Circle of God;
...UMW RELATIONSHIP...to generate new enthusiasm for full participation in mission with women, children, and youth.

Will our campaign succeed? Will our missions be accomplished? ONLY IF each one of us in our own local unit answers, "YES! COUNT ME IN!" ONLY THEN can we meet on UMW WORSHIP to celebrate the victory in Jesus, and greet the UMW KINGSHIP to proclaim CHRIST AS KING OF KINGS!

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven..."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

It is that time of year again! I know that you are busy getting ready for your annual elections and annual meetings. Please send me a complete copy of your district officers.

I will also need to get a copy of the unit presidents, including addresses and the number of ladies in each unit. Your help last year, was invaluable. May God continue to bless you.

Fannie P. Reddix
Conference Secretary

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

September 15 & 16, 1995
Asbury United Methodist Church
101 Live Oak Blvd. • Lafayette, LA
(318) 984-4211

Send Registration to:
Marilee Townsend
100 Thompson Loop
Lafayette, Louisiana 70506

Make checks payable to:
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
Pre-registration fee: $5.00
Registration at Conference fee: $7.50

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

PHONE: _____

Check all that apply:
- ❑ Conference Office - Specify _____
- ❑ Conference Executive Committee
- ❑ District Officer - Specify _____
- ❑ Local Unit Member
- ❑ Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
- ❑ Guest
- ❑ Voting Delegate

CHURCH _____

CITY _____

Number in Local Unit _____ District _____
Where will you be staying during the meeting?

_____

Will child care be needed? _____ ages of children
• Child care will be available beginning 12:15 p.m. Friday, September 15.

NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of expense of the meeting.

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 1, 1995

...More about the Annual Meeting

Please fill out the registration form on this page and send the entire form to Marilee Townsend. Be sure to include your check for $5.00. Everyone who attends must pay this fee because it includes the insurance that will cover you from the time you leave home, throughout the meeting, and your return home.

On Saturday morning, an offering will be received to be used in mission work, so please be prepared to contribute to this important event. Please remember our "Mission Candle" (discussed on page two of this newsletter). This is a meaningful way to honor loved ones and help those in need at the same time.

Registration will begin at Asbury United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 15, 1995 and continue through 12:30 p.m. This will be in the Youth Activity building across the street from the church, on the church grounds. A sandwich lunch will be provided in the gym from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Following the afternoon session, delegates and guests will have options concerning their evening meal. Each district will decide whether they wish to get together as a group and they will be responsible for making their own arrangements. District presidents will have listings of restaurants. Please contact them if you are interested in eating with your district. Also, a listing of restaurants will be provided in the registration packet.

A continental breakfast will be available in the Asbury gymnasium on Saturday morning, September 16.

Following the Communion Service, Saturday morning, a sandwich lunch will be served in the gym. A post-executive committee meeting will be held with all the newly elected officers as well as the retiring ones.

RUG-MARK CAMPAIGN

To fulfill the goal of the Campaign for Children to "Make the World Safe for Children," the Women's Division has joined the Child Labor Coalition to work toward ending child labor exploitation. Currently over one million children are enslaved to work in the carpet industry. Some are kidnapped from their homes or sold into bonded slavery, denied an education, and exposed to inhumane working conditions.

United Methodist Women can promote carpet made without child labor through the Rug-Mark Campaign. The Rug-Mark is a label affixed to carpets whose manufacturers have agreed not to use child labor. Members of UMW are encouraged to engage in actions to bring about an end to child slavery in the carpet industry. One specific action suggested is to gather signatures on a petition, "Consumers Demand Carpets with the RUG-MARK Label."

I trust all units have gotten your application for Certificate of Recognition in Supportive Community to your District Coordinator Supportive Community.

Lou E. Medlock
Coordinator, Supportive Community

COMING EVENTS

DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS:

October 1:
Ruston District - Jonesboro UMC

October 7:
Alexandria District - Hineston Fellowship UMC
Baton Rouge District - Wesley UMC, Baton Rouge
New Orleans District - Trinity UMC, Gentilly
North Shore District - Denham Springs UMC

October 8:
Shreveport District - St. Luke's UMC, Shreveport

October 14:
Acadiana District - Calvary UMC, Thibodaux
Lake Charles District - First UMC, DeRidder
Monroe District - Rayville UMC

October 20-21:
District Elected Leaders Training
Tall Timbers Center
Joyce Hazel - Chairperson

January 28, 1996:
United Methodist Women Sunday

April 16-26:
General Conference: Denver, Colorado

May 3-5:
South Central Jurisdiction UMW Meeting
Omaha, Nebraska

July 15-19:
South Central Jurisdictional Meeting
Kansas City, Missouri

August 7-15:
World Methodist Conference
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Congratulations!

At the recent Annual conference, delegates to the General Conference in Denver, Colorado and the South Central Jurisdictional Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri were elected. The women who were so honored were Anita Crump, Nancy M. Carruth, Carolyn Dove, Seola Callahan, Pat Cobb, Vera Packer, Sarah Schoeffler, Sarah Kreutziger, Fane Peeples, Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn, and Rev. Marie Williams.

Be informed, motivated, sensitive, alert, knowledgeable, aware, educated, trained and entertained; all these things can be descriptive of you when you enroll in the United Methodist Women's Reading Program.

Soon I will be filling out the Certificate of Recognition for the reading program. I hope I will be writing one for each of you.

The District Christian Personhood Coordinator will need the reports from each local unit by August 1, 1995. I will need the reports from each district no later than August 15, 1995.

The Reading Program certificates will be presented to the district C.P. Coordinator at the annual UMW meeting at Asbury UMC in Lafayette, Louisiana on September 15 & 16. The district C.P.'s will present them to the local units at their district annual meeting.

Last year's report was 382 readers. I am thrilled about this. I am hoping for 400+ this year. Keep on reading and make my day!

Helen Allemond,
Conference Christian Personhood Coordinator

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United Methodist Women

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Wonderful things are happening right here within our state! Are you aware of them? When the United Methodist Committee on Relief re-opened the facilities at Sager Brown to help alleviate needs in that area, following a devastating hurricane, they began to create a mission that has grown beyond our imagination. On March 1, at 1:00p.m., the huge Depot pictured at the right, will be dedicated and you are cordially invited and encouraged to be at the dedication.

The UMCOR Material Resources Collection Depot will be needing volunteers for work at the Depot. If you would like to volunteer or to organize a group of volunteers, contact Sarah Schoeffler or Rev. Susan Pugh, P.O. Box 239, Baldwin, LA 70514.

Sager-Brown Depot Center

Women's Division has requested that the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women participate in the dedication of the Sager Brown Center Depot by sending Household Kits: The first items requested are repatriation needs in Liberia. In a 16.5" x 12.5" x 12.5" box, pack the following new items:

- 8 unbreakable shallow bowls (approx. 1 qt. size, with or without covers)
- 8 unbreakable cups
- 8 soup spoons
- 1 large heavy cooking spoon (metal)
- 2 bath towels
- 2 hand towels
- 2 double-bed sheets (at least one of them a flat sheet)
- 2 pillowcases
- 1 light-weight blanket

Fill as many boxes as you are able; approximate total cost for items is $75.00. Mark each box UMCOR Liberia Household Kit.

All boxes should be sent to : UMCOR Material Resources Collection Depot • 101 Sager-Brown Road (Hwy. 82; off Hwy. 90) • Baldwin, LA 70514.

Senders will pay shipping costs to the Collection Depot. Also, please send $10-15 to cover overseas shipping costs through UMW regular supplementary giving channels (local units, district, conference treasurers) designated by "shipping UMCOR kits to Liberia". For additional information about the collection, you may call 1-800-554-8583, week days, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST. This is a New York number. You may also call the Sager-Brown number for information. It is 1-800-334-4221.

Notification of Collection Project Completion

When you have completed your collection and sent it to Sager-Brown, please let Women's Division know by sending them a post card or letter. Include the following information: Your name, your group's name, local church name and address, and number of boxes sent. Send to: Executive Secretary for Financial Interpretation • Room 1503 • 475 Riverside Drive • New York, NY 10115.

Also send same information to: Patt Cobb, Conference President UMW • 7117 Memphis Street • New Orleans, LA 70124.

IN 1995
LOUISIANA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
"REKINDLED GOD'S GIFTS"

YOU were called to **"fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you . . . for God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."** (II Timothy 1:6-7) It is such a joy to see the spirit of God actively moving and working through our mission for His people "to the ends of the earth." He has empowered YOU, and enabled you to **love more** and be **more self-disciplined**. **All the glory** must go to Him for what we have been able to accomplish, because of **YOU!**

In 1995, **we increased our Conference Undesignated Giving through the Women's Division by 10%.** Your love and self-discipline are the reasons we have been able to do this. You gave $23,020.42 more through the combined channels of Undesignated Giving than in 1994. Here are the figures:

	1994	1995
Undesignated Giving:	$237,689.93	$260,710.35
	10% **Increase**	
Designated Giving:	$38,684.22	$ 34,587.31
	11% Decrease	
TOTALS:	$276,374.15	$295,297.66
	7% **Increase**	

As we work together in 1996 - individual members, local units, district and conference mission teams - let us continue to "fan into flame" these gifts from God, and then **"Pass it On"** toward growing, inclusive membership, Christ-centered study and participation, and increased mission for Christ that reaches those close to home and the many also in need around the world. ***YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO BE "RESURRECTION PEOPLE" WHO REALLY KNOW HOW TO "PASS IT ON!"***

Shalom,

Mary Quinones,
Conference Treasurer

THE 1994-1995 FIVE STAR UNITS FOR UNDESIGNATED GIVING

CONGRATULATIONS! To all the UMW Units who participated in the program for undesignated giving.

ACADIANA: Indian Bayou, Immanuel-Lafayette, First-Lafayette, Northwood-Lafayette, First New Iberia, Houma-First, Bayou Blue.

ALEXANDRIA: Horseshoe Drive-Alexandria, Wilton-Alexandria, David Haas-Bunkie, Trinity-Bunkie, Wesley-Booneville-Bunkie, Fellowship-Hineston, Nolley Memorial-Jena, Marksville, First-Natchitoches, First-Pineville, Palestine, Pollock.

BATON ROUGE: Baker-First, Blackwater, Broadmoor, Evangeline, First-Baton Rouge, Ingleside, Jefferson, Neely, St. Andrew, St. John, St. Mark, University, Wesley, Asbury-Clinton, First-Gonzales, Scott-Port Allen, Zachary.

LAKE CHARLES: Cameron, First-Crowley, DeQuincy, First-DeRidder, Grand Chenier, Iowa, First-Jennings, Trinity-Jennings, Mallalieu-Jennings, Oak Park, St. Luke-Simpson, University-Lake Charles, Oakdale, Prospect-Hornbeck, Ragley-Squyres, Henning-Sulphur, Wesley-Sulphur, Mapelwood-Sulphur, Vinton, First-Welsh, First-Leesville. Congratulations to your District for the largest number of Five Star units.

MONROE: First-Bastrop, Memorial-Bastrop, Mer Rouge, First-Monroe, Hope, Memorial-Monroe, St. Paul, Rayville, Tallulah, Claiborne, McGuire, First-St. Joseph.

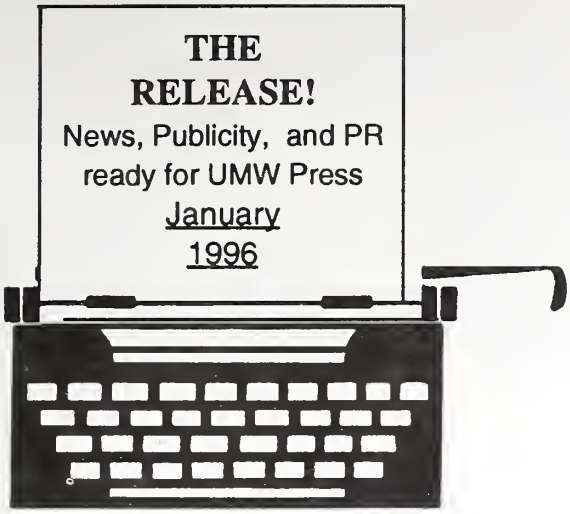
NEW ORLEANS: Aurora-Algiers, St. Paul-Harahan, Jefferson, First-Kenner, Munholland-Metairie, St. Matthew's-Metairie, Cornerstone, Hartzel, Mt. Zion, Peck, Phillips Memorial.

NORTH SHORE: Wesley Ray-Angie, ES Memorial-Bogalusa, Bush-Waldheim, Fitzgerald, First-Denham Springs, Centenary-Franklinton, Winan-Franklinton, First-Hammond, First-Kentwood, Lacombe, Loranger, Ponchatoula, First-Slidell, Hartzell-Mt. Zion-Slidell, Pine Ridge-Tangipahoa, Walker, Live Oak-Watson.

RUSTON: Arcadia, Bernice, Cotton Valley, Douglas, Farmerville, Oak Grove-Gibsland, Harmony Chapel, Haynesville, Heflin, Hodge, Homer, Jonesboro, First-Minden, Trinity-Ruston, Wesley Chapel-Ruston, Shongaloo, Springhill.

SHREVEPORT: Benton, Asbury-Bossier, Barksdale-Bossier, First-Bossier, Ida, First-Mansfield, Wesley, Plain Dealing, Broadmoor-Shreveport, Christ-Shreveport, Fairfield-Shreveport, First-Shreveport, Lakeview-Shreveport, Mangum-Shreveport, Noel-Shreveport, St. James-Shreveport, St. Luke-Shreveport, Summer Grove-Shreveport, Zwolle.

Thank you for experiencing FIVE STAR GIVING, shout it from the mountain top and PASS IT ON to all of the other units in your district in 1996.



TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE!

The South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting will be held Friday-Sunday, May 3-5, 1996 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Any UMW member who has had the privilege of attending an Assembly, Jurisdiction or National meeting, will tell of a life changing, learning and fellowship experience.

As an incentive to expand understanding of our connectional system and increase organizational knowledge of UMW, a $300.00 scholarship will be awarded to one local woman from Louisiana Conference to attend.

Interested members should send a completed application along with a brief paragraph expressing why you want to go and what connectional and organizational knowledge you expect to receive.

Deadline for submission:
Thursday, February 29, 1996

Submit application to:
Pat Cobb, President LA Conference UMW
7117 Memphis Street
New Orleans, LA 70124-3553
(504) 288-6962

Date_____

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SEEN IN RESPONSE, JANUARY, 1996

Pictured in Linda Green's report on the National Seminar, entitled "Economic Policy with a Heart and Soul" is Joyce Hazel. Joyce is the former President of Lake Charles District UMW, member committee on Nominations and chaired DELT in October, 1995

CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL

Materials are available for order from Service Center. The 1996 theme is "Alleviating the Trauma of Violence." Celebrations can be held from January-March. Order program materials from:
Service Center
General Board of Global Ministries
7820 Reading Road, Caller #1800
Cincinnati, OH 45222-1800 or
toll free 1-800-305-9857; FAX (513) 761-3722

UMW SUNDAY: A LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WIDE CELEBRATION

Did you know that UMW Sunday is Superbowl Sunday? Its time to celebrate the touchdowns that UMW members all over the world make year round. Do an instant replay of those past members who put mission in motion. Take a new look at present team players. Spend a moment in prayer for our cheer leaders and booster club members. They sure do make a tough game easier. Share all of your stories about the close calls you had when the game went into overtime. Don't forget to wear your 1996 ribbon when you suit up. Hold hands and pray for UMW's future. By all means, don't forget to Pass it On!

Have a Great UMW Sunday.
God Bless Until Next Time,

Rita M. Parham
Sec. for Publicity & PR
LA Conference UMW

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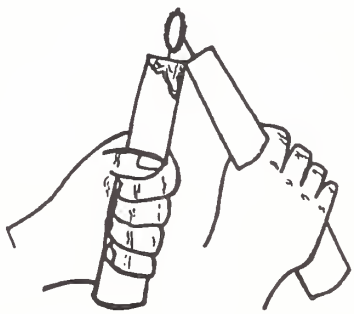
Pass It On



Good for you
Good for me
Good for women

1996

Co-Ordinator For Christian Personhood

I can't believe I am writing an article for our first newsletter of 1996. This is a new year, and I am looking forward to all that we will be sharing through UMW this year.

Hopefully by now, you have received your Call to Prayer and Self Denial packet and you have set a date to observe this special program. "Alleviating the Trauma of Violence" is the title of the program, and once again we will be focusing our attention on the continuing struggle with the problem of physical, mental, sexual and emotional abuse against women and children. By educating ourselves about the problem, by becoming an advocate for those being abused, through offering our monetary gifts, and earnestly praying for those who are experiencing violence in their lives, we can play an active part in alleviating the trauma of violence. Let me know how your unit observed the day.

Read any good books lately? You say you can't find anything to read? I have good news for you. Our Reading Program of UMW has lots of good books to read. What? You don't know about the Reading Program? Just get in touch with me and I will turn you and your unit into real book worms!

Does your unit or your district have a spiritual retreat planned for the spring? If you do, I would love to hear about it. I really enjoy hearing what other units and districts are doing. If you let me know the date of your retreat, maybe I can come share the day with you. I love retreats!

My thoughts and prayers are with you. May God truly bless you in 1996 and may you also be a blessing to others in this new year.

Shalom,

Annette Fortuna
Conference Co-ordinator for
Christian Personhood

from the Membership Committee

Our UMW Membership Committee wish is that each member has a joyful New Year! To help create that joy in our hearts, we celebrate the opportunity and obligation which are ours in our heritage of witness and service for Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Women's Division encourages us to work hard toward our Campaign 1996-2002. The theme is "Yes! Count Me In" and our dedicated desire is just that.

Our Louisiana Conference has given us the theme for UMW Day on January 28, 1996, to be " Pass It On". Please let each unit work as truly united women with the president and membership persons sharing organizational and reporting bounden duties to Christ's work here on earth.

As I prepare my presentation for UMW Day, the two themes fall into place to strengthen each other. My sincere prayer is that God will count me in to pass it on. To pass on the glorious Good News that Jesus is our Saviour for all eternity! Let us witness and serve with the love of God to guide us in our ministry of mission here on earth. Needs that we give response to are such as: Hunger, poverty, education and medical care. There are many more.

An especially important education opportunity is our School of Mission. Please encourage each unit to budget to give an Estelle Dameron Scholarship to help with this area of membership. We have gained many new and dynamic members with this mission opportunity.

Celebrate the New Year with new joy by letting the light of your flame -the gift of God which is within you- brighten the path for others.

Harriette T. Elrod, Chairperson

SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

One of our UMW Conference goals for 1996 is to work toward increasing certification in the area of Supportive Community. It is time to begin working on the items for certification. If your unit does not have the necessary information check with your District Coordinator of Supportive Community. Let's all work to achieve this goal. Wishing you a successful year.

Lou E. Medlock, Coordinator Supportive Community

To: ***COORDINATORS OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT***

From: ***Muriel Miller, Conference Coord., CSI***

"It is the responsibility of the Christian Social Involvement Coordinator to inform her members of current social, economic, and political issues, promote the legislative action recommended by the United Methodist church, and to promote Peace with Justice for all people." (statement by Nell Inman at DELT)

During the past year, I have received correspondence from the staff of the Women's Division regarding the Methodist Church's stand on some issues. The main concern this past year has been the effect of national budget cuts on women and children. United Methodist women have been urged to contact their elected members of Congress to let them know the stand of the Methodist church on issues such as gun control, education, environmental concerns, and protection of the most helpless among us, America's children,

The problems that too many children face are very real, but they can be changed by dedicated individuals, groups, and congregations in America. The Bible contains many instances of the image and power of small things that achieve great things when they are grounded in faith: a mustard seed a stick, a slingshot, and a widow's mite. Each and every one of us can make a difference in the lives of the world's children, We can succeed in translating this awareness of child poverty, drug abuse , and violence if we care enough to become involved. How can we make our voices heard? As Christians, we can use our gift of citizenship in ministry for those in our society with no power of their own--the children.

All UMW members can exercise their citizenship by going to the poll and voting. May I present some afterthoughts about voting. In 1645 one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England. In 1649 one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed. In 1776 one vote gave America the English language instead of German. In 1845 one vote brought Texas into the Union. In 1868 one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment. IN 1923 one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi Party.

In the 19th century a famous author, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, expressed her concern for the children of England in this poem:

The Cry of the Children

Do you hear the children weeping, O my brothers?
Ere the sorrow comes with years?
They are leaning their young heads against their mothers
And that cannot stop their tears.

The young lambs are bleating in the meadows,
The young birds are chirping in the nest,
The young fawns are playing with the shadows,
The young flowers are blowing toward the west--
But the young, young, children, O my brothers,
They are weeping bitterly!
They are weeping in the playtime of the others,
In the country of the free.

Speech of Retirement

Sept. 14, 1995

Kathleen C. Conrad

Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations

Our spiritual growth study this year "Ecclesiastes *The Meaning of Your Life*" could not have come at a better time in my faith walk. In one of the exercises suggested in the study book the participant was encouraged to write a letter to *Qohelet*. If I would write a letter highlighting my experiences in the last two years as Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations, it would sound something like this:

Dear Qohelet,

You say you find life meaningless, well you must not be a UMW of the Louisiana Conference. You don't know what you've missed. Simple things like, hugs and smiles and heart warming greetings at every conference event.

I'm sorry your can't relate to having experienced your first Assembly as I did. Not only did I attend, but was a participant in the closing session. When at times life seemed out of focus there has always been a supportive community of women who live for the cause of mission. I'm sorry you have missed the many opportunities for leadership training from Chicago to Tall Timbers.

My life has changed drastically as my interest has been rekindled. As I've traveled to places unknown on foot, golfcarts, and by plane, all for the cause of Christ. When I was a little girl, I thought of becoming a Missionary and God gave me the desires of my heart when I became an active member of the conference team. I've found out that there is more to life than just going to church. Why, there's balloons to be blown up, alters to be dressed, news articles to be published, pictures to be taken and yes, even public speaking (though a public speaker I claim not to be). I've come to know the meaning of deadlines, late night meetings, creative thinking and what a dining room table is really designed for!! The word Annual Meeting has taken on a new meaning as I've experienced the support of the community of women who we'll just call 'We Can Do Women' just like myself that stir into flames their gifts, from God, and get a fire going!

The meaning of the expression; 'God will open doors for you' has become a reality in my faith journey. I've learned to read, recycle, rekindle, recommend, report and represent, all in various phases of mission experiences. It's been a good life. Some of the best two years of my life. Giving all the honor and praise to God for His mercy and deliverance and thanks to all of the UMW from the local, district, conference, jurisdiction and Women's Division who helped mold me into what I am today, ONE PROUD, ENCOURAGED & WILLING UMW.

As I close, I, like you, will continue to fear God, keep his commandments , and if I might add, continue working in mission through the channel of UMW, for we both know God shall bring every work into judgement and I seek His stamp of approval in all I attempt to do.

In Service for Christ,
Kathleen C. Conrad

NEW CONFERENCE OFFICERS.....

Newly elected Secretary of Program Resources is Gwen Streams-Sherrer of Thibodaux. She is a life-long United Methodist, a choir member and organist at her church; Communion Steward, UMW President, certified lay speaker and Vacation Bible School teacher. Gwen has served as District Global Concerns Coordinator and as instructor at Conference School of Missions. She has a Masters from Nichols State University and B.A. from Fisk University, and she now serves as a special education teacher in Thibodaux. She is the mother of three daughters.

Rita M. Parham is the newly elected Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations. She is a native of Baton Rouge, having been educated at Southern University Laboratory School, received her B.S. from Southern University, her Masters from the University of Michigan and further paralegal work at Tulane University. She is presently employed at the Law Library at L.S.U. Rita is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church and became a UMW member at an early age. She has served as President of her unit as well as district President, Vice-President and Secretary of Financial Interpretation.

Elected to a one year term as Coordinator of Christian Personhood, is Annette Fortuna of Monroe. She is a member of Lea Joyner Memorial United Methodist Church where her husband, Dave, is the pastor. Annette is President of her local UMW, teaches a weekly women's Bible study, sings in the Chancel Choir, directs the youth choir, and teaches an adult Sunday School class. She has been the song leader at Annual Meeting, School of Missions, and Spring Retreat. Her love of music carries over into her professional life. She is the music teacher at Lakeshore Elementary. Annette has two daughters.

Rosalie Pryor of Alexandria is one of the newly elected members of the Nominating Committee. She is a member of Newman United Methodist Church where she serves as a Sunday School teacher, Communion Steward and choir member. Rosalie has also served as District Membership Chairperson. She is married to Samuel Pryor and they have three daughters and four grandchildren. Rosalie is a graduate of Peabody High School and Business College. She is presently employed as a secretary by the Alexandria Fire Department.

The Committee on Nominations Newly Elected Member

Eloise S. Cox, of the Alexandria District, is a member of Nolley Memorial United Methodist Church, Jena, Louisiana. She is married to James H. Cox, and they have three children, and nine grandchildren. In addition to serving on the local level of United Methodist Women, as President, Christian Social Involvement and Publicity for her unit, Eloise has also served on a District level as Vice-President, Membership, Supportive Community and Nominations.

She is active in many areas of Nolley, having served either as member or chair, of various committees including Missions, Worship, Communications, Family Life and is an assistant Elementary I and II Sunday School teacher. She will serve Nolley for 1996 as Lay Leader and is a Certified Lay Speaker. Eloise serves on the Alexandria District Laity Board, is Education Chair for the District Council on Ministries and serves on the Conference Communication Committee.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
CHARTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE POLICIES

"PROMISE AWARD"
Application

Name of Unit _____ City _____ District ___

Name and address of person submitting application

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: *The Women's Division has been a pioneer in identifying issues of injustice, prejudice and discrimination against all peoples. Jesus Christ was born into a world peopled with prejudice--partisan, fanatical, intolerant, obstinate, opinionated, bigoted, dogmatic zealots--Roman, Samaritan, Jewish.*

The CHARTER Committee will give a "Promise Award" at the 1996 Annual Meeting and annually thereafter. Below are the criteria for determining the recipient. Please be specific in your responses. Use an additional page, if needed.

1. Explore the scripture mandated concerning the unity of humankind:

Ephesians 4:1-3	Luke 10:30-36
Philippians 2:5-8	Matthew 6:12-15
1 John 1:8-9	1 John 2:3-6
Matthew 22:34-40	Galatians 3:26-29

(Describe how your unit has worked to fulfill these scriptures.)

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2. Did you invite people of other races that were not in your unit to assist with a program? Who and when?

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3. How and when was the Charter for Racial Justice Policies presented and how it has been implemented by your unit?

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4. Did you show the Charter for Racial Justice Policies video?____What did you learn?

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5. What materials in *Response* and *New World Outlook* pertaining to race relations were used?

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6. Which books on the Reading Program pertaining to the *Charter for Racial Justice* were read and shared? Describe what was done:

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7. On a separate page document some action taken as a result of the above study.

*The "Promise Award" represents a $100 Special Mission Recognition certificate to a unit.

Applications must be sent by June 30, 1996 to Patt Cobb, 7117 Memphis Street, New Orleans, LA 70124

Message from the President

Blessings for a peaceful, healthy and spiritually rich new year!

Corrie ten Boom, the Dutch author, said, "There is something from God's Word for every day." I pray that each of you will experience the love and reconciliation of His Word.

The beginning of a new year invariably brings resolutions or promises that result in some kind of improvement. Many of us have personal goals: a more disciplined prayer life, to really listen to others, have more patience with family members, lose weight, exercise, learn a new skill, be appreciative of small blessings, etc. We also have corporate/ community/ church goals: to be a more effective team member, to do our part in improving the environment, to become more dedicated in the work of local church and unit.

Here is a challenge for local units to really make a difference in their communities. The Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee announced at the Annual Meeting last September that a "Promise Award" (a $100 Special Mission Recognition certificate) will be given to a unit that documents outstanding achievements in race relations. An application for this award is here on this page in this newsletter. Please keep it as there is no conference-wide gathering before the deadline of June 30, 1996. Working towards fulfillment of the requirements for this award could be a very stimulating activity for your unit!

The next issue of this newsletter will feature the School of Christian Mission with information about the special session for children.

Watch for it!

Patt Cobb
President

COMING EVENTS

January 28-
United Methodist Women's Sunday (to be observed in churches throughout the Conference)

February 2 & 3-
Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Tall Timbers Conference Center

February 24-
Conference Finance Committee Meeting - Alexandria.

March 1-
Dedication of UMCOR Depot, Sager-Brown Center, Baldwin, LA (invitation to all members)

April 16-26-
General Conference Denver, CO

May 3-5-
South Central Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting Omaha, Nebraska

June 3-6-
Louisiana Annual Conference Shreveport, LA

June 21-25-
West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, Abilene, TX (elected conference officers and school teachers)

July 14-18-
South Central Jurisdictional Meeting, Kansas City, MO

July 25-28-
LA Conference School of Christian Mission-Centenary College, Shreveport, LA

July 27-August 4-
World Federation of Methodist Women -Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

August 4-15-
World Methodist Conference Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The following note was received from Emily Wiley. If you are one of the "Good Samaritans", these thanks go to you. All of us could practice this more in the future as those ' hills' at Centenary get steeper and we get a little slower.'

Editor

"My heartfelt thanks to all those drivers at the School of Mission who carried me from James to Smith, from Smith to James, from Mickal to Jackson, and from Jackson to Brown Chapel. Those hills are much steeper than they used to be.

Emily Wiley"

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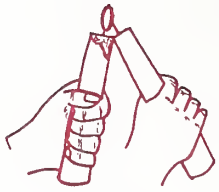

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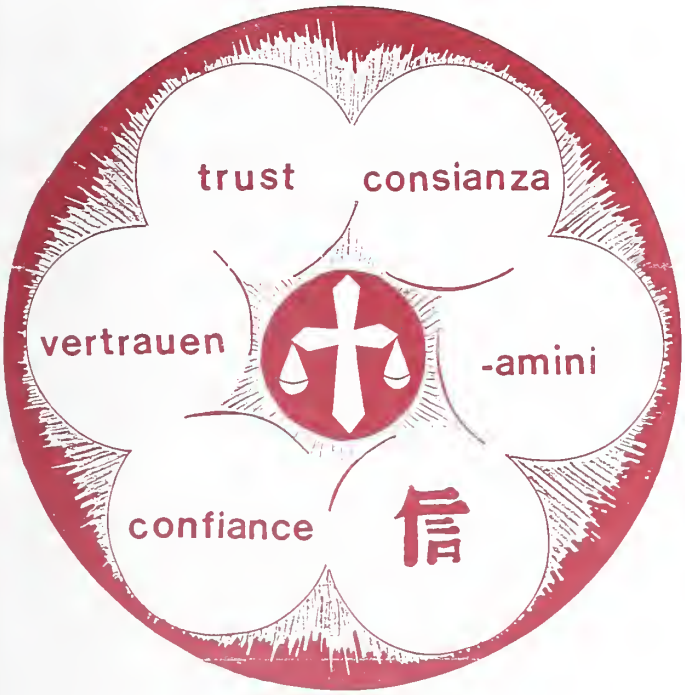

"LIVING GOD'S VISION FOR A JUST WORLD"

JULY 25-28, 1996
Centenary College

Living God's Vision for a Just World

In the spirit of our Wesleyan heritage, ". . .love of God is always linked with love of neighbor, a passion for justice and renewal of life in the world." Living God's vision for a just world, John Wesley put faith and love in practice as he visited prisons, opposed slavery, and ventured outside the normal channels of ministry in his day to touch the lives of those opposed by systems of injustice.

We continue to be confronted with those oppressed by unjust systems, especially women, children and youth who are most often the victims. We are called to explore the life and witness of Christians and the nature of the church in the fast changing societies of Hong Kong and China, to reflect on our faith life journeys in light of insights gained, and to engage in personal and collective actions to deepen our commitment to discipleship.

Living the vision through witness and service breaks the barriers that cause people to withdraw from one another and creates a just, dynamic multicultural society.

We are very excited about the fact that for the first time this year we will have a SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS FOR CHILDREN ages seven to twelve that will be held on the Centenary Campus at the same time as our adult school. A wide variety of activities are planned both on and off campus to provide opportunities for the children to affirm their identities and their worth as children of God, and sets about exploring and understanding differences in language, holiday celebrations, foods and religious beliefs while enabling the children to build positive relationships with people of many cultures.

Harriette and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. We invite you to participate in the studies: "JOHN WESLEY; HOLINESS OF HEART AND LIFE;" "THE ENDURING CHURCH: CHRISTIANS IN CHINA AND HONG KONG;" AND "FIRST WE MUST LISTEN: LIVING IN A MULTICULTURAL WORLD." The children will study "ALL QUITE BEAUTIFUL."

Joyce Hazel
Dean

Harriette Elrod
Assistant Dean

From Your President

How fortunate we are to be United Methodist Women! Through our studies and other information form Service Center, we are the most informed women in the world. This year's studies are timely, as usual: *John Wesley* (Spiritual Growth Study), *China and Hong Kong* (Geographic Study) and *Living in a Multicultural Society* (General Issue Study).

We Are especially excited to be able to offer a session for children, ages 7-12, this year. Cheryl Gillespie is coordinating the program for children and has the assistance of many enthusiastic helpers. She assures us that there will be adequate chaperones for all activities. Mothers, grandmothers or other care-givers bringing children will have the option of staying with their children or staying with adults only in another dorm. This is a great opportunity to have children engaged in meaningful pursuits while enabling their parents to participate in the *School of Christian Mission*.

The School Committee asks each local woman and her unit to support this fledging effort with prayers, interest and contributions to the *Estelle Dameron Scholarship fund*. Joyce Hazel, Dean, and Harriette Elrod, Assistant Dean, have worked hard to secure the faculty and plan other activities to make this the best summer yet! I look forward to seeing you.

Pat Cobb, Conference President

Acadiana District Member selected as S.C.J.Q. Meeting Travel Scholarship Winner

Mary Lee Shelvin, Acadiana district, is the travel scholarship winner. Mary will travel to Omaha, NE for the South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting, Friday-Sunday, May 3-5, 1996.

Shelvin is a member of Immanuel UMC, (former Mallalieu), Lafayette, LA. She is local unit Chairman, Nominations and past president of her unit. She served as Chairman, Nominations, former Baton Rouge-Lafayette district, Acadiana district Treasurer, Secretary for Financial Interpretation and currently Secretary of Program Resources. Mary wanted to attend the Quadrennial meeting to join a diverse group of women coming together in one accord. . . to receive on site training in action. She recalls seeing mission "face to face, hands on and one on one" at the Kansas City Assembly.

The Quadrennial meeting is carefully designed to anticipate the multi-level interest of the members attending. You can be sure that Mary Shelvin will Pass It On!

Also Traveling, Patt Cobb, President, Hilda Sills, Vice President, Mary Quinones, Treasurer, Fannie Reddix, Secretary, Marie Young, Global Concerns, Harriette Elrod, Membership, (Lou Medlock, Supportive Community-alternate). Louisiana conference nominees from SC Jurisdiction to Women's Division, Pat Cobb, Norma Winegeart, Fannie Reddix and Lottie Pallazzo.

Kathleen Conrad has been nominated as an additional member to the Core Planning Group(CPG). Member of the Acadiana District, past conference Historian, Secretary of Publicity and Public Relations, Conrad recently served as Co-chairperson of Conference UMW annual meeting. Louisiana conference wishes Best of Blessings!

Cathy Parker, North Shore district , will complete work with SCJ Education for Mission Project. Parker participated in five mission events involving 97 conferences. The project began July 31, 1993 and provided participants with new meaning for mission, UMW $$, hands on experience and a new way to tell the mission story.

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Learning Center Preparations

District Displays:

John Wesley: Baton Rouge and Ruston
China and Hong Kong: North Shore-Regular Studies
Shreveport- Children's Studies
Life in a Multicultural Society: Alexandria and Lake Charles
Women's Division Projects located in Louisiana :
Acadiana and New Orleans
Financial Display: Where the Money Goes - UMW Monroe

Display Set UP and Take Down:

The Learning Center will be located in the Student Union Building. Tables will be provided. Displays are to be in place and ready for viewing by 9 a.m., Thursday, July 25, 1996 during registration and taken down no later than 6 p.m., Saturday, July27, 1996. The textbook and materials list will be helpful in locating resources.

Fun Night- Friday, July 26th

Each District is asked to participate in Fun Night, Friday, July 26, 1996. Please plan something special for First Timers and Children participating in study. Each District is asked to provide refreshments for Fun Night - (3) gallons of punch and (5) dozen cookies.

God Bless! Until next time,
Rita M. Parham, Sec. of Publicity and Public Relations

Living God's Vision for a Just World

God's vision (the eye of God) has at it's very center the scales of justice based on Jesus Christ's gift of salvation form the cross. God's vision of a just world includes the concept of Trust among the nations of the world. Communication of that trust is vital for us to live out God's vision for a just world. The six languages represented on the design are English: trust, French: confiance, Spanish: consianza, German: vertrauen, Swahili: amini, and of course, Chinese. Trust in every language implies confidence in God and in each other to form a base for justice.

Trust= reliance, confidence, assurance, credence, expectation, faith, belief, hope, credit, duty, care . . .

UMW Sunday Celebration Reports

After the celebration is over, its time to report the good news. Don't forget to send in your unit's UMW Sunday Report. Tell the good news of your day. Remember a picture is worth a thousand words.

TEXTS FOR 1996

Basic Text: John Wesley: Holiness of Heart and Life. Author: Charles Yrigoyen, Jr. $4.50. This spiritual growth study examines the historic roots of United Methodism in the life, thought and ministry of John Wesley. The author begins with the assumption that Wesley can teach us much about who we are, our roots in early Methodism, and what God calls us to do today. As we consider Wesley's ideas and his own practice of Christian faith and mission, it is hoped that we will discover a vision for the renewal of our personal lives and the life of our church. Youth text $2.75, Map $2.50.

Basic Text: First, We Must Listen: Living in a Multicultural World. Editor: Anne Lee Ellis. $8.95. With the barriers of language, culture, class and race still painfully evident in all spheres of our life together, we are challenged to deal with the complex realities of an ever more diverse society. FIRST, WE MUST LISTEN is a catalyst for action, encouraging us to approach these realities from the context of our Christian faith and brings its teaching to bear in all relationships. Study guide $4.95, Children's book, All Quite Beautiful $3.95, Teachers Guide $5.95.

Basic Text: The Enduring Church: Christians in China and Hong Kong. Authors: Gail V. Coulson with Christopher Herlinger and Camille S. Anders. $8.95. In 1949 there were fewer than one million Chinese Christians. Today they number more than 12 million. That the Chinese Christian church has endured and even prospered during the almost five decades since the Communist victory and the departure of Western missionaries says something of the durability of religious faith. It is also a testament to God's steadfastness and to the sheer vitality of Chinese Christianity. This vitality is amply documented in THE ENDURING CHURCH, which offers glimpses of present-day church life in China on the eve of reunification with Hong Kong. Leader's Guide $4.95, Map & Facts. $5.95, Children-Balancing Act, growing up in China and Hong Kong (Youth Magazine) $5.95.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHEDULE - 1996

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1996

9:00-12:00	Registration - James Dormitory
9:00-12:00	Learning Center/ Resource Room
12:00-12:45	Lunch
1:00-1:15	Community Sings - Brown chapel
1:15-2:15	Gathering for All (Recognition of First Timers, Estelle Dameron Scholarship recipients, Children)
2:30-3:30	**Class**- John Wesley and China and Hong Kong
3:45-4:45	**Class**- Multicultural and John Wesley
4:45-5:30	Free Time/ Resource Center, etc.
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	Community Sings
6:45-7:00	UMW Focus- Skit/ Officer Update
8:00-Till	"Red Eye Theater"-Audio Visuals

FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1996

6:45-7:00	Morning Praise-Hargrove Memorial Amphitheater
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:15-8:45	Worship Service for All
9:00-12:00	**Class-** John Wesley and China and Hong Kong (those who are scheduled for Multicultural will go to their John Wesley class now.)
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Free Time
1:00-2:00	Learning Center/ Resource Room (SUB)
2:00-5:00	**Class**- Multicultural and John Wesley (Those who are scheduled for China and Hong Kong will go to their John Wesley class now.)
5:00-5:30	Free Time
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	Community Sings
6:45-7:15	UMW Focus- Wesley Drama
7:30-9:00	Celebration, Fellowship and Refreshments
9:15-Till	"Red Eye Theater"-Audio Visuals

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1996

6:45-7:00	Morning Praise
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:15-8:45	Worship Service for all
9:00-12:00	**Class**- John Wesley and China and Hong Kong (those who are scheduled for Multicultural will go to their John Wesley class now.)
12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:45-1:45	Workshop for those planning to lead studies (Adults and children)
1:00-2:00	Free time
1:00-2:00	Learning Center/ Resource Room
2:00-5:00	**Class-** Multicultural and John Wesley (Those who are scheduled for China and Hong Kong will go to their John Wesley class now.)
5:00-5:30	Free Time
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	Community Sings
6:45-7:45	UMW Focus- Women's Division Update
7:45-9:00	Focus on Children
9:15-Till	"Red Eye Theater"- Audio Visuals

SUNDAY, JULY 28, 1996

7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-9:15	**Class**- John Wesley and China and Hong Kong
9:30-10:30	**Class**- Multicultural and John Wesley
10:55-	Sunday Morning Worship- Brown Chapel
	NO LUNCH

Due to construction on the Centenary campus, places where activities will be held, will be announced.

HOUSING • MEALS • FEES

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. The dorms will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space. All rooms have two single beds with adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice of a roommate.

Bring bed linens, pillow, blanket, towels, etc. You will also need clothes hangers and a cup for morning coffee. If you would like to bring a telephone, all rooms have phone jacks. Air conditioning often makes the classrooms cold, so bring a sweater. Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear and a tote bag should complete the list.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **IF YOU NEED FIRST FLOOR ACCOMMODATIONS YOU MAY NOT REQUEST A ROOMMATE.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms.

All who stay on campus must purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with a policy of Centenary College. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. Meal prices are: Breakfast-$4.50; Lunch-$5.00; and Supper-$5.50. Lunch on Thursday, July 25 will be the first meal served; breakfast on Sunday, July 28, the last.

Also in accordance with the policy of Centenary College is the rule that there will be **NO SMOKING WITHIN THE DORMITORIES OR ANY OTHER BUILDING ON CAMPUS.**

Anyone not a member of the School Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to carpool **SHALL PAY $13.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS AS YOU GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE.**

Your address on campus will be:

James Dormitory
P.O. Box 41188
Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: (318) 869-5313
Housing and Meals
(To be paid upon arrival at School)
Meals (9 meals)- $45.00
Housing (3 nights)- $39.00

Introducing the 1996 School of

John Wesley

Rev. Fay Barrhartung is a native of Ruston, Louisiana. She attended Louisiana Tech, South Dakota State University, Garrett Theological Institute, and Perkins School Theology. She has served as Wesley Foundation Director at Louisiana Tech and South Dakota State University, and Conference Director of Youth Work for Rock River Conference in Illinois. She also served as Associate Professor, First Vice President for Student Affairs, and was the first woman to serve as Dean of Students at Dakota Wesleyan University. Rev. Barrhartung is an ordained minister of the Louisiana Conference. She has served as pastor of churches in Gibsland, Marion and Colfax, and is presently serving as pastor Welch Memorial UMC in Vinton. Her hobbies include visiting with people, teaching, movies, theater, concerts and travel. She has one son, Mark, who is married with three children, and one daughter, Jody, who is a critical care nurse.

Rev. Fay Barrhartung

Lois R. Heath received both B.A and M.A. degrees from Southern University, and did further study at Atlanta University and Southwestern University. She is a counselor, seminar instructor, and Assistant Professor at Southern University. Lois is a member of the Board of Wesley Foundation at Southern University, a life member of the Southern University Alumni Association, and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Lois is a certified lay speaker and worship leader. She is a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church where she was elected the Lay person of the Year in 1991. Lois has served the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women as Secretary of Program Resources, dean and assistant dean of the School of Christian Missions, and a member of the Committee on Nominations. She is a member of the Baton Rouge District committee on the District Superintendency. Lois is married to Daniel Louis Heath, Sr. and has one son, Daniel Louis Heath, Jr.

Lois R. Heath

Lottie S. Palazzo is native of New Orleans, and has lived in Dallas and Honolulu, Hawaii. She has served the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women as coordinator of Supportive Community and Secretary of Program Resources. She has also served as Dean and Assistant Dean for the Louisiana Conference Schools of Christian Missions. Lottie was New Orleans District UMW treasurer and president. Married for 52 years, she is the mother of three sons and one daughter, and has 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Her hobbies include travel, reading and counted cross-stitch.

Lottie S. Palazzo

Rev. Alonzo J. Campbell is presently a member of the Louisiana Conference staff, serving as Director of Special Ministries, and is a 1996 delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. A native of New Orleans, he and his wife Jacqueline have one son. He graduated cum Laude from Clark Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary and received a doctor of ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was honored as one of 100 ministers at the "Celebrating the Call" Convocation sponsored by the division of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Church. He was elected as Jurisdictional Conference and Reserve General Conference Delegate in 1988 and 1992. Rev. Campbell was also honored by the City of Slidell when June 26, 1994 was declared "Dr. Alonzo J. Campbell Day" by the Mayor and City Council. He has served many churches in the Louisiana conference, and has been involved in many activities on the District, Conference, and General Church levels.

Rev. Alonzo J. Campbell

Living In A

Billye L. Elmore grew up in parsonages in the Southwest Texas conference. She is a graduate of Southwestern University and earned a Master's Degree form Ball State University. She also studied at Southern Methodist University, Texas A and I, and Yale University. She taught for more than twenty years in the public schools of Texas, Connecticut, Indiana, and California, teaching mainly kindergarten and first grade. She has served in a variety of positions in local United Methodist Women units, on conference mission teams, and as President of the Austin District. She is currently Vice President of the local unit of San Carlos UMC in San Diego. Billye has taught in the West Gulf, Midwest and South Atlantic Regional Schools of Christian Mission, and in schools on events in the following conferences; Southwest Texas, Texas, Northwest Texas, North Texas, Central Texas, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, West Ohio, California-Pacific, and California-Nevada. In addition to teaching in the Louisiana Conference School this summer, she will be teaching in the California-Pacific School and the Texas Conference School.

Billye L. Elmore

Rev. Dr. Joe E. Elmore is a retired member of the Southwest Texas Conference, having retired as President of the Texas United Methodist College Association in 1991. The Association consists of seven United Methodist colleges and universities in Texas. For over twenty years, he was Professor, Dean, and Provost of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He earned his BA degree from Southern Methodist University, a divinity degree from Yale, and the Ph.D. from Columbia. He has also studied at the William Alanson White Institute of Psychoanalysis in New York City, and the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas. Joe has taught in the West Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Schools of Christian Mission, and in schools on events in the following conferences' Southwest Texas, Texas, North Texas, northwest Texas, Central Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, West Ohio, Minnesota, California-Pacific, and California-Nevada. He is scheduled to teach the Texas Conference and California-Pacific Conference Schools as well as the Louisiana Conference School.

Rev. Dr. Joe E. Elmore

Christian Mission Teachers

China and Hong Kong: Living the Gospel in Society

Gloria Tuck Bennett

Gloria Tuck Bennett is a former Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Chairman. She also served as Monroe District President of United Methodist Women, Conference Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, and Assistant Dean of Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. She has taught in Louisiana, South Georgia and Virginia Conferences. Gloria is a retired legal secretary and paralegal. She is active in her local church, First United Methodist Church in Monroe, having served as a member of the Administrative Board and Board of Trustees. She has taught Sunday School for both teenagers and adults, and is a certified lay speaker. Her community activities include serving as District Director for AARP's Northeast Louisiana Area and as a member of the State Legislative Committee; working with disaster services of American Red Cross' serving on the Board of Directors of Kellogg Boys Club' and serving as Fifth District President of Louisiana Federated Women's Clubs. She has served on the board of Trustees of Monroe's Little theater and is currently Treasurer of Twin City Ballet. She loves to travel and enjoys reading, music and counted cross-stitch.

Rev. Kenneth M. Fisher

Rev. Kenneth M. Fisher is a native of Shreveport. He received a B.A. degree from Centenary College and a Master of Divinity degree form Gammon Theological Seminary, is a graduate of the Academy for Preaching of the General Board of Discipleship, and has done further study at Tennessee A&I State University and Los Angeles City College for Music and Art Studies. Rev. Fisher has also received two Career Certifications from Schools of Military Science. He is member of several conference, district, military and civic organizations. Presently serving as pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church of New Orleans, he is an instructor for the Louisiana Conference License to Preach School for local pastors. He is married to the former Joan Watson, and they have two daughters, Antoinette and Yolanda.

Rev. Steven W. Caraway

Rev. Steven W. Caraway is a native of New Orleans. He received a B.A. Degree from Centenary College and a Master of Divinity Degree form Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He is currently pastor of University United Methodist Church in Lake Charles, and has also served churches in New Orleans, Monroe, Vidalia, Lafayette, and Winnfield. He served as Conference Secretary of the Board of Global Ministries from 1981-1992, and is presently serving on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Rev. Caraway is married to the former Cheryl Atkins. They have two children and one grandchild.

Iveeta B.McIntosh

Iveeta B. McIntosh is a native of Dallas. She earned both Bachelors and Masters degrees at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, and did additional study at Perkins School of Theology. She also earned a Diploma from Yale University for graduate Study in Asian Studies and Chinese, and completed an additional year in Asian Studies and language at the New Asia Yale-in-China College in Hong Kong. Iveeta and her husband served ten years as United Methodist missionaries in Hong Kong. She served as chairperson of the Hong Kong Annual Conference Medical Committee, was director of a number of church-related Kindergarten schools in Hong Kong, and was faculty member and coordinator of graduate credit courses at Nanjing University. She was also Adjunct Professor of Asian Studies at Austin College (Sherman, Texas) for two years. She has written curriculum for courses in "Exploratory Chinese Language," pioneered in establishing the Department of Chinese Language at SMU, and often offers Survey courses in China and Chinese Brush Painting. Advanced Workshop courses in painting are also offered through her studio, "The Chinese Paint Brush." Over the past 17 years, she has led over 50 study teams to visit the People's Republic of "China and Mongolia, and, she has made many visits to and is supportive of the emerging church of China. Iveeta and her husband, Kenneth, are parents of three children and have five grandchildren.

Multicultural Society

Mrs. Judi Grona

Mrs. Judi Grona is an active second generation United Methodist Woman, a local president serving on the District nominating committee. Judi has served her Conference tenure and was twice Dean of the Southwest Texas Conference School. She was on the Regional School nominating committee, led a jurisdiction "Each Local Woman" Event for four conferences, and was nominated as a Director for Women's Division. With her mother, Betty Keyes, she has taught listening skills to many church groups and led the United Nations Study at the 1995 conference school. A free-lance writer, artist, and composer, Judi has done the logos for many conference events and three regional schools. She composed the theme hymn for one school. She is currently Vice President of Bethel Neighborhood Council, a Day Care and Senior Citizens Nutrition Center for low income families, and Treasurer of the Board of Women at the Well House, a transitional home for women as they come out of jail. Judi is married to a scientist and has four children.

Dr. May Sue Lowry

Dr. Mary Sue Lowry received her medical degree from Tulane, and with her husband, Rev. David Lowry, served more than forty years as missionaries to Chile. They were engaged in pastoral ministry, health care, teaching, agriculture, disaster relief, and defense of human rights while in Chile. She practiced pediatrics, and set up programs of maternal and child care. During leaves of absence which they spent in the United States, they were missionaries-in-residence in the Western and Northeastern Jurisdictions. They are retired, but are still speaking and promoting the missional work of the United Methodist Church.

In Memorium of

Mrs. George Walton Dameron

Estelle

Estelle Darsey Dameron was born on November 17, 1906 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She was educated at Louisiana State University, Scarritt College and Iliff Theological Seminary at Denver, Colorado. She married George Walton Dameron and had one son, G.W. Dameron, Jr. She and Rev. Dameron served churches in Louisiana and retired to live at Pineville, Louisiana where Estelle lived for more than 30 years. She died on January 28, 1996.

Estelle's first office in the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was in 1930. This was also when she received a Life Membership pin from her church. She was a member of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church from 1952 to 1956 and served as Louisiana Conference president of the Women's Society of Christian Service from 1962 to 1966. She felt very honored to be president during the 25th Anniversary year in 1965. She continued to serve as a volunteer for many years following her tenure as an elected leader. She was an outstanding leader, mentor and guide, as well as a source of quiet strength and bold courage.

There are three examples of Estelle as a woman and a leader that are important to share. On one occasion, she told about her extreme shyness when meeting people. As a little girl, she would often cross the street rather than meet someone coming toward her. Yet, she became a great leader and travelled the United States working tirelessly for her God. Her faith in God was so central to who she was as a woman that she had the courage to overcome her shyness.

Even as a young girl, Estelle had difficulty with her vision. What a remarkable difference in her life when her family realized that she could not see well. Her joy at being able to see to read a book brought tears to her eyes as she told the story many decades after the miracle of glasses opened the world of learning and reading. She and I talked nearly every Saturday for about 15 years and we often discussed books she was reading. Learning and growing was for her a natural part of her being.

Through her jurisdiction and Board of Missions work, Estelle became aware of the importance of School of Christian Mission. She was a member of the planning group for the first Regional S.C.M. which was hold at Southern Methodist University and stretched form Florida to New Mexico. She was also instrumental in beginning the Louisiana Conference S.C.M. Leading in new paths that have had a profound impact upon thousands of women and men speaks of her organizational skills and determination to persevere.

In an oral interview with Mrs. Jack S. Wingeart in 1981, Estelle said: "The mission of our organization is basic to our on going; its basic to our understanding of the world of which we are apart; its basic to the fact that we have to think in global terms if we are going to be the persons we are called to be as Christians. I have learned more, had my vision enlarged and gained a better understanding of people through the studies at School of Christian Mission than through any training I had at the University."

It is only fitting that she be remembered by the women of the Louisiana Conference with the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarships, begun in 1981. She truly believed in the value, mission and purpose of the SCM. The scholarships enable women and men to participate when otherwise they could not. Let us keep her remarkable presence among us, inspiring us and future generations to "... expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church."

Your gifts to the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund can be made through your local UMW treasurer. Local units are encouraged to make yearly contributions to the fund by placing the fund in their budget. She has passed on to us a legacy of leadership, faith and overcoming diversity that will continue to inspire us through this fund.

Mary Lou Blakeman

SEND APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 1996

Estelle Dameron

School of Christian Mission Scholarships

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offers scholarships to the 1996 School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana July 25-28, 1996.

This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting a woman interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "graying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend the School of Christian Mission and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

Please send only one applicant per unit. Applications must be mailed to: Mrs. Harriette Elrod • 111 DeSoto Street • Tallulah, LA 71282.

Estelle Dameron

School of Christian Mission Scholarships Application

District _____ Unit (Name of Church) _____

Location _____ New _____ No. in Unit _____

Name of Applicant _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Applicant has ❑ / has not ❑ attended a School of Christian Mission before

Applicant's Age grouping: ❑ high school ❑ under 35 ❑ 35-50 ❑ 51 or older

Employed: ❑ Full time ❑ Part time ❑ Retired ❑ Student ❑ Homemaker

Age of Children: ❑ Pre-school ❑ School ❑ Not at home

Applicant's choice of study:

❑ China & Hong Kong ❑ Living in a Multicultural Society

Name of unit president or contact person:

_____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

To be written by applicant on separate sheet:

I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because . . .

From the Conference Secretary of Program Resources

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me the honor of serving in the capacity of Secretary of Program Resources. I'm told that I need a good back in order to do a good job carrying these boxes. I'm sure my district counterparts will be there to give a helping hand as I will be there to assist in your endeavors. God is our co-pilot, we cannot fail.

The School of Christian Mission is right around the corner and I'm looking for volunteers to assist in the Resource Room. Just give me a call and let me know you'll help. My number is (504) 447-4220.

The Reading Program is one of the key elements in making program resources effective. We are looking forward to seeing the participant list grow with UMW eagerly taking a part.

The new study books are ready! They are interesting and can be used in any category on the reading Program list. Get ready ladies, this is going to be one of the most interesting studies.

If there is anyone who needs a copy of the Reading list, don't hesitate to call me. We can go back as far as five years. Also if there are any interesting things you're doing in your local or district units to get people motivated and reading, please share them. The Women's division is looking for ideas. Let's share!

The new Prayer Calendar for Youth is Beautiful. We can use it to get these young ladies involved with the missionaries and interested in mission.

Mission is our life - - we have to "Pass It On!"

May God continue to bless each and everyone. I look forward to a fun filled new year, through Program Resources.

Gwendolyn Streams

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

REGISTRATION (Insurance Coverage) FEE $10.00 **due by July 1**
LATE REGISTRATION (After July 1) FEE $15.00
Payable to: **Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women.**
Housing and Meal costs will be paid upon arrival. If you should include it with this form, it will be returned to you. No registration fee will be returned after July 1.
Send entire Registration/ Housing form below with your $10.00 to:

Gail Epperson
1305 Greenlawn
Slidell, LA 70460

REGISTRATION ✪ HOUSING

Name_____
Address_____
City/State/Zip_____
Require First Floor Room_____ Require Special Meals_____
Choice of Roommate _____

CANNOT BE ASSURED IF REGISTRATION RECEIVED AFTER JULY 1

Do you have difficulty walking? ❑ Yes ❑ No
Will you bring a child and be housed in children's dorm? ❑ Yes ❑ No
Study: (Choose one) ❑ China and Hong Kong
❑ Living in a Multicultural Society

All will take John Wesley

Please register early as name tags, class and room assignments will be made prior to your arrival. **THERE IS A $5.00 LATE REGISTRATION FEE!**

Children's School of Christian Missions

Children ages 7 through 12

Mrs. Cheryl Gillespie is the Louisiana Conference Coordinator of Children's Ministries. She and her staff are planning a wide variety of activities that will enable the children to learn about people from cultures different from their own. In addition to videos, mission and Bible study on Centenary campus, the children will go on field trips including swimming at Riverside Christian Camp, skating, and Putt Putt Golf. Children will be chaperoned at all times. Some scholarships are available.

The children will be housed in Sexton dormitory, and parents may stay with them if they wish. Children who bring sleeping bags, air mattresses, etc. and do not occupy a bed will not be charged for the room. The fee for a child who occupies a bed in the room with a parent is $2.00 per day. Children bring bedding, comfortable clothing and bathing suits.

Continental breakfasts will be provided by the Shreveport District UMW at no charge to the children. Meal tickets for lunch in the cafeteria Thursday, sack lunches on site at noon Friday and Saturday, and dinner in the cafeteria Thursday through Saturday will be $20.00

TOTAL MEALS AND HOUSING
$26.00 (for children occupying beds)
$20.00 (for children bringing sleeping bags, etc.)

REGISTRATION
A Registration fee of $5.00 includes insurance coverage from the time children leave their homes until they return home. Make checks payable to **Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women**. Housing and meal cost will be payable upon arrival. If you include it with registration it will be returned to you. No registration fee will be returned after July 1, 1996. Send entire Registration/ Housing form below with your $5.00 to: **Gail Epperson ¥ 1305 Greenlawn ¥ Slidell, LA 70460.**

Children's School of Christian Missions Registration

Name_____
Address_____Age_____Grade_____
City_____Zipcode_____
Church_____District_____

Children wishing to apply for scholarships are to write (on a separate sheet of paper) one paragraph entitled **"WHY I WOULD LIKE TO COME TO SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS"**

COMING EVENTS

May 3-5-
South Central Jurisdiction UMW Quadrennial Meeting Omaha, Nebraska

June 3-6-
Louisiana Annual Conference Shreveport, LA

June 21-25-
West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission, Abilene, TX (elected conference officers and school teachers).

July 14-18-
South Central Jurisdictional Meeting, Kansas City, MO

July 25-28-
LA conference School of Christian Mission- Centenary College, Shreveport, LA

July 27-August 4-
World Federation of Methodist Women - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

August 4-15-
World Methodist Conference Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

September 19-21-
UMW Annual Meeting- First UMC, Monroe

October 5,6,12,13-
UMW District Annual Meetings

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"Dead Man Walking"
Read the Book See the Movie

The 1996 Reading Program includes:
Dead Man Walking: an eye witness account of the death penalty in the United States. By Helen Prejean, CSJ, Random House, 1994. (A Christian Social Involvement selection)

The story of a Roman Catholic sister's encounter with the death penalty when she befriends an inmate on death row. Her indictment of capital punishment takes into account the complex factors of this issue, and balances concern for both the criminals and the people whose lives they have devastated.

This book is particularly important to Louisiana UMW members because it is the account of a Louisiana inmate housed at Angola State prison. , victims and survivors, and a sister in Christ.

The movie, based on the book by Sister Helen Prejean, stars Susan Sarandon, Sean Penn, directed by Tim Robbins. The movie has received 4 Academy Award nominations including Best actor, Sean Penn, Best actress, Susan Sarandon. Miss Sarandon received the Oscar for Best actress.

Plan a Cinema Day - UMW at the movies. Check local listing and the UA theater for special group rates. Local unit or District events can be planned.

GENERAL INFORMATION

FIRST TIMERS Anyone attending the School of Missions for the first time is asked to meet with Joyce Hazel and Harriette Elrod in Brown's Chapel at 12:45 Thursday, July 25.

RESOURCE ROOM Gwen Streams, Secretary of Program Resources, invites you to visit the Resource Room from 9:00 am until noon on Thursday and as time posted for other days. She will have the books you will need to participate in each of the studies. There will also be plenty of free and inexpensive materials that will help you and your unit.

LEARNING CENTER You won't want to miss the Learning Center. The districts will have displays on each of the studies. There will also be displays highlighting United Methodist Women's projects located in Louisiana and a financial display.

THE OFFERING This year's offering will be in honor of the children attending the school. May Quinones will provide more details at the school.

AUDIO VISUALS Rita Parham will coordinate the audio visuals that pertain to the studies.

TABLE GRACES Annette Fortuna will provide table meditations for the dining hall and encourages you to use them.

MEDITATION ROOM The meditation room is located in James Dorm. You can frequent this quiet room during these four days and browse as you meditate.

MEDICAL INFORMATION Vera Bullock will serve as our School nurse and will be located in James Dormitory.

INSURANCE All participants, including study leaders and Estelle Dameron Scholarship Participants, are required to register and pay the $10 registration fee for insurance coverage from the time you leave you home, throughout your stay on campus, to your return home.

COURTESY TRANSPORTATION Volunteers willing to provide transportation to and from class are asked to sign up at registration and provide proof of insurance. Those persons who have need of this service should make a request when they register. Gail Epperson and Jan Randolph are coordinators.

MORNING COFFEE will be provided in the dorms. Don't forget to bring your coffee cup.

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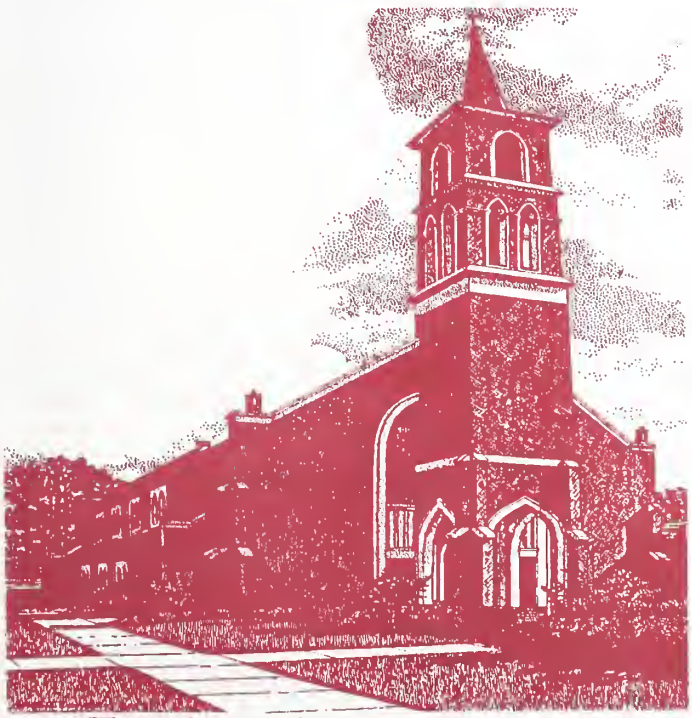
UMW, You're Invited To...

Come To The Fountain

1996



First United Methodist Church
3900 Loop Road
Monroe, Louisiana

The twenty-third Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Monroe, Louisiana, on Friday, September 20, 1996.

Conference President Pat Cobb will preside over the meeting. Reverend Larry Stafford, pastor of the host church, Christine Coleman, President of the Monroe District, Reverend Phil Woodland, District Superintendent of Monroe, and Linda Hursey, local President of First United Methodist Women, will welcome participants as they gather for this Annual Celebration of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women in mission.

The theme for this year's meeting will be, "Come to the Fountain." Our theme is based on the scripture text Psalm 36:9 which says, "For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light we see light." Our theme hymn will be "Come Thou Fount." Throughout the Annual Meeting we will be renewed by the waters that come from God's unending fountain of life and then be challenged to share this water of life in our everyday lives.

Twick Morrison, current Vice-President of Women's Division, and also a Director of the General Board of Global Ministries, will be addressing the Annual Meeting on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Annette Fortuna is the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Lorraine Sparks is Co-Chairperson. Linda Hursey is chairperson of local arrangements. See you in September!

Annette Fortuna
Chairperson

Lorraine Sparks
Co-Chairperson

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

"COME TO THE FOUNTAIN" A fountain suggests cooling refreshment. That is what we hope you will receive from the 1996 Annual Meeting of United Methodist Women. But much more than that, it is our hope that your soul will be nourished and your enthusiasm for mission renewed. You may also get some ideas about getting new members or rekindling some dormant ones.

Everywhere I go I hear concerns of membership. The Women's Division is attempting to address this concern with a six-year campaign. To continue in the thread of "Pass It On" from last years' meeting, we are indeed fortunate to have as our speaker, Twick Morrison, of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Twick retires this year as a Director of Women's Division, having served as Vice President and Chair of the Section of Mission and Membership Development. Twick is a dynamic and vivacious personality and we will be privileged to hear about membership from the TOP.

Presidents will be provided with a list of restaurants that will accommodate groups so that advance arrangements can be made for Districts if they wish to dine as a group on Friday evening.

Our thanks to the energetic and hard-working Annual Meeting Task Force, chaired by Annette Fortuna assisted by Lorraine Sparks. We look forward to being in Monroe, where Christine Coleman is District President. **COME TO THE FOUNTAIN**, we'll be looking for you!

Pat Cobb
Conference President

... MORE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETING

Please fill out the registration form on page 7 and send the entire form to Charlotte Barron. Be sure to include your check for $5.00. Everyone who attends must pay this fee because it includes the insurance that will cover you from the time you leave home, throughout the meeting, and your return home. Also, please be sure and indicate if you will be needing child care and check the boxes that will let us know what meals you will be eating at First Methodist. This will help us in planning for and providing the food.

On Saturday morning, an offering will be received to be used in mission work, so please be prepared to contribute to this important gift. Please remember, also, our "Mission Candle". This is a meaningful way to honor loved ones, as well as increase our gift to missions.

Registration will begin at First United Methodist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20, 1996 and continue until 12:30 p.m. The address of the church is 3900 Loop Road. Registration will take place in the Biedenharn Family Life Center. Signs will be posted to lead you to the registration tables. A sandwich lunch will be provided in the same room from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m.

Following the afternoon session, delegates and quests will have options concerning their evening meal. Each district will decide whether they wish to get together as a group and each district will be responsible for making their own arrangements for their meal. District presidents will have listings of restaurants. Please contact your district president if you are interested in eating with your district. Also, a listing of restaurants will be provided in the registration packet.

A Continental Breakfast will be available in the Family Center on Saturday morning, September 21. Following the Worship Service on Saturday morning, a sandwich lunch will again be provided. Please remember to indicate on your registration form the meals you will be eating at First Methodist.

A post- executive committee meeting will be held immediately following the Communion Service and will include all newly elected conference officers as well as retiring officers.

Hope to see you there!

✣ Elections ✣

The committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations for officers to be elected at the 1996 Annual Meeting:

Nominated for re-election to an additional two year term:

Vice-President: Hilda Sills
4745 Overton Drive ✣ New Orleans, LA 70122
Mission Coordinator for Social Action: Muriel Miller
3720 Carl Road ✣ Alexandria, LA 71301
Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth: Annette Fortuna
1133 Finks Hideway ✣ Monroe, LA 71203

Nominated for a two year term:

Chairperson, Committee on Nominations: Norma Winegeart
254 Forest Avenue ✣ Shreveport, LA 71104

Nominated for a one year term:

Treasurer: Evelyn Evans
100 St. Claire Street ✣ Natchitoches, LA 71457

Nominated for re-election for a one year term:

Mission Coordinator for Education
and Interpretation: Marie Young
3017 North 12th Street ✣ West Monroe, LA 71291

Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture,
and Outreach: Harriette Elrod
111 DeSoto Street ✣ Tallulah, LA 71282
Communications Coordinator: Rita Parham
824 Europe Street ✣ Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Nominated for a four year term on the Committee on Nominations:

Betty Tripp
109 Arizona Street ✣ Lafayette, LA 70501
Gail Epperson
1305 Greenlawn Street ✣ Slidell, LA 70458

Respectively Submitted,
Jan Randolph, Chairperson
Committee on Nominations

PROGRAM

"COME TO THE FOUNTAIN"

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 36:9
THEME HYMN: "COME THOU FOUNT"

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - 1:00 P.M.

Prelude
Invocation
Convening of the 23rd Annual Meeting..... Pat Cobb
Affirming Our Purpose (In Unison)
Welcome.....Rev. Phil Woodland, Rev. Larry Stafford, Christine Coleman, Linda Hursey
Presentation of Program..... Annette Fortuna, Lorraine Sparks
Lighting of the Mission Candle..... Vera Bulloch
Hymn: "Come Thou Fount"..... Hymn No. 400
Opening Devotional..... Rev. Letitia Smith

BUSINESS SESSION

President's Year in Review.....Pat Cobb
Recommendations of Executive Committee

REPORTS

Church Women United
Conference Goals for 1997
Membership
Finance Report and Budget
Committee on Nominations..... Jan Randolph
Election of Officers

BREAK

U.M.W. Sings
Greetings from the Jurisdiction
Project Reports
Honoring of Retiring Officers....Mary Lou Blakeman
Close of Afternoon Session

FRIDAY EVENING - 7:30 P.M.

U.M.W. Sings
Call to Worship
Special Music
Introduction of Speaker..... Pat Cobb
Message..... Twick Morrison
Benediction

SATURDAY MORNING - 8:30 A.M.

U.M.W. Sings
Morning Prayer..... Rev. Lou Ann Hollis
Special Music
Pledge Service..... Mary Quinones
Lois Heath
Report of Registration
Special Mission Recognition
Morning Message.....Twick Morrison
Offertory Prayer
Offering
Installation of Officers.....Gloria Bennett
Invitation to 1997 Annual Meeting
Announcements
Adjournment

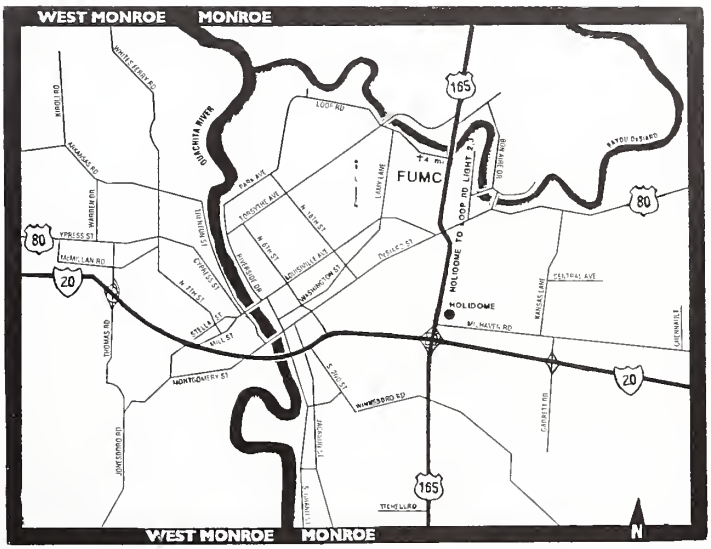
Break

Closing Worship
Meditation.....Rev. Phil Woodland
Love Feast Celebration
Sending Forth
Postlude

HOUSING INFORMATION - HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Holiday Inn Holidome
1051 By-Pass 165 at I-20
P.O. Box 7860
Monroe, LLA 71203
Phone: 318-387-5100

Room rates - $55 plus 10.5% tax (1,2,3, or 4 persons) RESERVATIONS DEADLINE: August 29, 1996. Any rooms reserved after August 29 will be charged the regular room rate. Please tell the reservation clerk that you are with United Methodist Women.



PROGRAM

Martha C. (Twick) Morrison

Our keynote speaker for Annual Meeting, will be ***Martha C. (Twick) Morrison***. She is currently serving as Vice President of the Women's Division. She chairs the section on Mission, Membership, and Development. Twick is also the Conference Lay Leader of the Mississippi Conference. Born in Kentucky, she was educated in Mississippi, receiving her B.A. from Blue Mountain College and her M.A. in English from University of Mississippi. Twick and her husband, Bob, have two sons and seven grandchildren. She has actively served on all levels of the Methodist Church and has been a delegate to the last five General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Twick is also active in community affairs. She has been a contributor to several church publications and has traveled extensively, abroad, on mission trips. In ecumenical work, Twick served for three years on the National Advisory Committee for Church World Service and traveled to Cambodia and Vietnam to help negotiate the release of Amerasian children.

R. Larry Stafford

Our host pastor for Annual Meeting will be the ***Reverend R. Larry Stafford***. A native of Franklinton, Larry received his B.S. for L.S.U. and his M. Div. from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served pastorates throughout the state, the latest being First UMC, Bossier City; Blackwater, Baton Rouge. E.S.M. Bogalusa; Live Oak; and Kentwood. Larry presently chairs the Conference Board of Pensions and is a Trustee of the Louisiana Foundation Board. He was a delegate to the 1992 Jurisdictional Conference and served as President of Conference Council on Finance and Administration. He and his wife have two children.

J. Philip Woodland

The District Superintendent for the Monroe District is ***Dr. Philip Woodland***. He will take part in the closing worship on Saturday, giving the Meditation and assisting in the Love Feast Celebration. Dr. Woodland received his B.A. degree from L.S.U. and his B.D. from Yale Divinity School. He was awarded an honorary degree from Centenary College. His former pastorates include Pine Grove; Montpelier; Killian's Chapel; University, Baton Rouge; First UMC, Slidell; St. Luke's, New Orleans; and Broadmoor, Baton Rouge. He has been a delegate to several General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Presently he is serving on the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy. Phil is married to the former Madeline Cocreham.

Letitia L. Smith

Our opening devotional will be given by the Reverend ***Letitia L. Smith***, who grew up in Buffalo, New York and attended college in Middlebury, Vermont and seminary at Yale and Iliff School of Theology. She is currently finishing her PhD. in Adult Education at Syracuse University. Her topic is an historical look at how the Wesleyan doctrine of Christian Perfection has influenced the United Methodist Women. Letitia has served as a pastor for 18 years and has now been appointed to Northeast Louisiana University as Campus Minister. She also teaches new Testament at Northeast. She is married to the Rev. Bradley Laycock and has two step-sons. Letitia is active in UMW and has taught in Schools of Mission.

PERSONNEL

Vera Bulloch

Lighting the Mission Candle at the opening of Annual Meeting, will be ***Vera Bulloch***. Vera is a native of Grayson, Louisiana. She graduated from St. Frances Sanitarium School of Nursing and worked as a Registered Nurse for 43 years, retiring in 1984. Vera has been very active in UMW work having joined Wesleyan Service Guild 40 years ago. She served as President of her local unit and also President of the Monroe District. Vera also served on the District as Vice President, Membership Chairperson and Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns. She has two children, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Vera loves cooking, baking, sewing, gardening, and taking care of her neighbors and church family.

Mary Lou Blakeman

Mary Lou Blakeman will conduct the service honoring our retiring officers. She is a native of Sulphur, Louisiana. She is married to Dr. Warren Blakeman, pastor of St. Paul UMC of Monroe. They have three children and one grandchild. Mary Lou received her B.S. degree from Centenary College, a specialist degree in school psychology from L.S.U. and did graduate work at Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U. She is a school psychologist in the Juvenile Justice System. Mary Lou is actively involved in her church as well on the district and conference levels. She is a Bible study teacher and retreat leader and has held many offices in the Conference UMW as well as teaching in conference and regional Schools of Christian Mission.

Gloria Tuck Bennett

The newly elected officers will be installed by ***Gloria Tuck Bennett*** who is a former Chairperson of Wesleyan Service Guild. Gloria has also served as Monroe District President of UMW; Conference Coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, Assistant Dean of School of Christian Mission, as well as study leader for schools in Louisiana, South Georgia, and Virginia. She is a retired legal secretary and paralegal, very active in her local church and a member of the Chancel Choir. Her hobbies include music, reading, travel, and counted cross-stitch.

Linda Hursey

Serving as Local Arrangement Chairperson for Annual Meeting will be ***Linda Hursey***. She is president of the United Methodist Women unit at First United Methodist Church in Monroe. Long active in UMW, she has served in various capacities at the local level. She is married to Bruce Hursey and they have two children, a son who is at NLU as a graduate student and a daughter, who is a journalist, residing in New York. In addition to Linda's involvement in her local church, she also works with her husband as office manager in their business.

LOUISIANA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

CELEBRATE WORLD THANK OFFERING MONTH IN OCTOBER

Your August '96 Conference Newsletter includes an UPDATED COPY of our **"31-DERFUL WAYS TO SAY THANKS"** sheet for use in the Conference observance of WORLD THANKS OFFERING MONTH during OCTOBER. We have revised the daily gratitude offering suggestions to include current mission emphases of both the National and World Divisions.

When we celebrate **WORLD THANK OFFERING MONTH** as a Conference, units and individual members are encouraged to use this sheet to experience daily gratitude for God's grace and the many blessings He so generously bestows on us. Each week, we will have a different prayer emphasis to accompany our daily "ACTS" of sharing our gifts to mission: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication, and prayer about giving to God. Daily Scripture readings have been selected to correlate with the daily gratitude offerings suggested.

We are counting on all local Presidents and Treasurers to work together to make this celebration happen in October. We suggest that you ORDER NOW ("free" postage and handling from the Service Center) World Thank Offering Labels (to stick on a jar or box at home), and give one to each member of your unit with a photocopy of the "31-DERFUL" sheet.

Promote this celebration during September, and plan a meeting during November when your unit can come together to share their experiences in the use of the "31-DERFUL" sheet; have a time of devotion or present the program in the '96 UMW Program Book, and have members turn in their individual "thank banks."

REMINDER - Participation in the World Thank Offering during October, 1996 will help your unit qualify as a "FIVE-STAR" Unit in our 1996-97 'FIVE- STAR' PROGRAM FOR UNDESIGNATED GIVING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Lois Heath
Secretary for Financial Interpretation

P.S. - If your unit's schedule does not permit participation in the World Thank Offering Month during OCTOBER, by all means select another time of year to include this celebration in your schedule. World Thank Offering monies may be turned in during any quarter!

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

LOCAL GIVING THRU DISTRICTS 1ST & 2ND QUARTERS, 1996

At the Conference Annual Meeting last September, you voted to adopt a budget and reduce our Conference Pledge to Missions to agree with the basic formula used by the Women's Division in determining annual apportionments. Our pledge was based on actual prior receipts from districts, taking into account your pledge to the districts. The Pledge to Mission you approved was based on current levels of actual giving, and it is our prayer that you will maintain or better that level so that the Louisiana Conference will be able to meet this Pledge to Mission in 1996.

However, I must report that your giving is down by a total of 12% over the first two quarters of this year. By comparison to 1995, these figures are:

Undesignated Giving	1995	1996	%Difference
Pledge to Mission	$114,253.72	$99,404.13	-13%
Special Mission Recognitions	3,200.00	2,660.00	-17%
Gifts to Mission (Cards)	2,426.08	2,828.00	+16%
Gifts in Memory	2,175.00	1,975.00	-9%
World Thank Offering	4,299.77	4,285.87	No Change
TOTALS	$126,354.57	$111,153.00	-12%

We have pledged more than our monetary resources. We have pledged our prayers and time as well. I want to encourage each member of United Methodist Women to prayerfully examine her individual giving toward our Purpose and Mission; then come together in prayer and examine your unit's budget and opportunities for increased giving. Then, ask the Holy Spirit for guidance in determining how you and your unit can work to help our Conference meet its pledge to "expand Christ's mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." Your Conference and District Officers will be praying and working with you to accomplish our goal.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Quinones
Conference Treasurer

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 1996
First United Methodist Church
3900 Loop Road
Monroe, LA 71201
(318)325-7335

Deadline for Pre-registration is September 6, 1996

Pre-registration Fee: $5.00
Registration at Conference: $7.50
Make Checks Payable to: Louisiana Conference UMW

Return this form and check to:
Charlotte Barron
2768 Point Drive
Monroe, LA 71201

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY
_____ Conference Officer: Specify _____
_____ Conference executive Committee
_____ District Officer: Specify _____
_____ Local Unit Member
_____ Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
_____ Guest
_____ Voting Delegate

CHURCH: _____
CITY: _____
NUMBER IN LOCAL UNIT: DISTRICT:
WHERE WILL YOU BE STAYING DURING THE MEETING? _____
_____
WILL CHILD CARE BE NEEDED? _____
AGES OF CHILDREN? _____
WHICH MEALS WILL YOU EAT AT FIRST METHODIST?
___ Friday Noon ___ Saturday Breakfast ___ Saturday Noon

NOTE: Registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of expense of the meeting.

DON'T FORGET!
PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE
IS SEPTEMBER 6TH

THE 1996 COST OF MISSION SUPPORT:

1 Second	$ .64
1 Minute	$38.55
5 Minutes	$192.77
1 Hour	$2,313.19

Celebrate U.M.W. - *PAST *PRESENT *FUTURE

The lighting of the MISSION CANDLE will again be a significant part of our Conference Annual Meeting, to be held on September 19-21, 1996 at First United Methodist Church in Monroe, Louisiana. The MISSION CANDLE was first burned at the 1979 Conference Annual Meeting as a Centennial Celebration of women organized for mission. Because of the loving and diligent promotion of Shirley Hoffpauir, then serving as Conference Treasurer, the tradition of the Mission Candle has evolved to represent our past, present, and future as women organized for mission. Units and individuals will want to be a part of this meaningful expression of our united commitment to a worldwide program of mission outreach.

Gifts may be given IN MEMORY or IN HONOR of persons whose names will be inscribed (by district) in a CONFERENCE MISSION BOOK displayed near the candle. Each district will take home its list of names to display at District Annual Meetings in October. PLEASE NOTE that the person or unit giving the gift is responsible for notifying honorees and/or families of those memorialized. The MISSION CANDLE will burn for the exact length of time our total gifts will support mission through the Women's Division. When these funds would be used up, the candle will be extinguished. OUR GOAL is to burn the candle throughout the Conference Annual Meeting. This goal can be realized if every local unit gives 1 minute or more for the MISSION CANDLE. However, there is no minimum or maximum gift requirement. All monies are incorporated into each District's PLEDGE TO MISSION.

Please use this form to list names, indicating in which section each name is to be inscribed. Send the form, with gift(s), to your District Treasurer by September 1st. Check must accompany form. (Photocopy this form to give individual members an opportunity to give in addition to unit gifts.)

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT) - (If more space is needed, please attach additional sheet(s). DO NOT write on back.)

Person submitting form: _____
From Church: _____ District: _____
City: _____ Phone:( ) _____

Given by:	In HONOR of:	Circle one (1)
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_____	_____	Present Future
_____	_____	Present Future

Given by:	In MEMORY of:	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:
_____	_____	
_____	_____	$ _____
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☆ Coming Events ☆

September 20-21, 1996

UMW Annual Meeting
First UMC, Monroe

District Annual Meetings:

October:

5 Baton Rouge District:
First UMC-Zachary
Lake Charles District:
Henning UMC-Sulphur
North Shore District:
First UMC-Slidell

6 Ruston District:
First UMC-Haynesville

12 Acadiana District:
Calvary UMC-Thibodaux
Monroe District:
St. Paul UMC-Monroe
New Orleans District:
Mt. Zion UMC-New Orleans

13 Shreveport District:
First UMC-Mansfield

Alexandria District (Oct. 5 or 12)

19 District Elected Leaders Training
Lois Heath, Chairperson
(ALL District Officers attend)

20-22 Mission Education Event, Dulac

October/November:

Local Elected Leaders Training held in each district

January 26, 1997:
UMW Sunday

Spring '97:
UMW Conference Retreat,
New Louisiana Conference Center

A CLOTHING DRIVE FOR LIBERIA

The Louisiana Conference is spearheading a drive for clothing for the women and children of Liberia. Because of the war and turmoil that is present in Liberia, one of the many needed items for Liberia is clothing. If you would like to participate in this current crisis involving these women and children, please donate to this cause. Women in Liberia do not wear pants, but they can use other clothing in good condition, clean, with buttons and zippers in working order. any size clothing will be welcome. Pack in good sturdy boxes addressed to:

Clothing for the Women and Children of Liberia
Sager-Brown Center for Enabling Ministries
101 Sager-Brown Road
P. O. Box 239
Baldwin, Louisiana 70514-0239
Attention: Sarah Schoeffler

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RETREAT

February 28 - March 2, 1997
Louisiana Conference Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

Leslie Nichols Akin
Retreat Leader

Yvette & Larry Weatherton
Music Directors

Theme:

Christian Women: Living As Sisters

Come and be a part of fun, spiritual fellowship as we build sisterhood and community among ourselves and the world. It will not be the same without You!

Register Today !

Reflections on the theme:

CHRISTIAN WOMEN: LIVING AS SISTERS

The role of women is constantly changing, with no consideration in regards to age or status. How can we find spiritual strength to stand and fight the good fight expected of us? We are compelled to rely on God's Holy scriptures to guide us. Scriptures found in Titus 2 remind us of the relationship we should have with each other as younger and older Christian women. As Christian women in mission, let us restore and perhaps discover the strength we have in each other.

The theme of the 10th Retreat of the Louisiana Conference is "Christian Women: Living As Sisters". This theme will bring an opportunity for us to build community among ourselves and beyond. The task group of the 1997 Retreat is excited about this theme, believing in God for a greater move of unity and loving fellowship which will extend beyond the retreat experience. The Scripture chosen for this theme is from Ruth 1:16-18. These Scriptures challenge us to reflect on the relationship of Biblical women, such as Ruth and Naomi. In spite of their differences in race, age and other unmentioned characteristics, these women were able to find strength from each other.

In times like these, we need each other. The blood of Christ make us one Christian family, sisters in deed. God has a blessing for you, come my sister to give and receive.

RETREAT SPIRITUAL LEADER

We are blessed to have one of our own as the 1997 10th U.M.W. Retreat Leader, Rev. Leslie Nichols Akin. She will also serve as the Communion Celebrant for Sunday's communion service. Having experienced Rev. Akin's spiritual leadership, I can witness that she will allow God to use her in making this retreat a spirited one.

Rev. Leslie Nichols Akin is an ordained United Methodist minister, currently serving as Executive Director of Louisiana Annual Conference Council on Ministries. Prior to her current position, she was the director of Worship and Christian Education for the Louisiana Conference. Among various committees, she serves on the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry and is Vice President of the National Association of Conference Council Directors with the responsibility of serving as President in 1998. Rev. Leslie Akin is the Co-Founder and past Director of "LightHouse", an educational enrichment center for impoverished persons.

With honors, Rev. Leslie Nichols Akin received her Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology, Emory University (June, 1991). She is married to Rev. Frank Brunson Akin, who was ordained in June 1995 with a charge to begin a new church in the Baton Rouge District. She has two sons who are Rory and Chris at the ages of 20 and 17. Rev. Akin looks forward to sharing and fellowshiping with us. We thank her for accepting the invitation to lead this retreat.

MINISTER'S OF MUSIC

Special music will be provided by an extraordinary "newly-wed" couple, Larry and Yvette Weatherton. The lovely couple was married at Neely UMC on December 7th. Larry and Yvette will be a blessed part of our retreat experience.

The Weathertons grew up with music as a major focal point in their lives. Larry began taking piano lessons at the age of 8, playing saxophone in 6th grade, and the trombone in 8th grade. He was the Drum Major for Minden High School Band during 11th and 12th grades. Larry has played for and directed numerous church choirs since the age of 15. Presently, he is the Minister of Music at High Time Evangelistic Center in Baker, Louisiana.

Yvette Weatherton began singing in the church choir at four years old. She started taking piano lessons at the age of six and playing trombone at eleven. During middle and high school, she participated in several all-parish honor bands, all-state jazz ensembles, and piano competitions. She has recently completed a contemporary Christian album entitled "Heavenbound", which is scheduled for release in early 1997.

The Weathertons are both Southern University graduates. Larry hold a B.S. Degree in Computer Science and is employed as a Computer Programmer with the Department of Revenue and Taxation. Yvette holds a B.S. Degree in Civil Engineering and M.S. Degree in Environmental Chemistry. She is employed as an Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Southern University. They look forward to many years to teaching, singing, playing and producing beautiful ministering music together.

RETREAT TASK GROUP & OTHER LEADERSHIP

Doris B. Brown
Chairperson
(Programs/Advertisement)

Betty Pope
Assistant Chairperson
(Registration)

Other Members:

Gwen Streams
Personal Meditation/Table Graces/Readings

Mary Quinones
Evelyn Evans
Treasurer

Hilda Sills
Evaluation Forms

Lois Heath
Miscellaneous Duties

Pat Cobb
Ex-officio

Retreat Nurse

Lana Nathan

Retreat Registration and Housing Information

To register for the 1997 Retreat, complete the form on page 9, clip and mail to the address on the form, with a check for $68.00. The $68.00 fee will cover lodging for two nights (Friday and Saturday), six meals in the cafeteria, snacks, retreat material, insurance and a share in overall expenses.

We are thankful to be having the Retreat at our own facility, the Louisiana Conference Center. The beautiful facility is located on five hundred and seventy acres of pine and hardwood forest just south of Alexandria. This centrally-located complex overlooks a 32 acre lake in the midst of one of Louisiana's most scenic areas. All Retreatants are expected to stay on the grounds. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. If necessary, a waiting list will be kept and those notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 10TH.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM BATON ROUGE, take I-10 West toward Lafayette, exit North on I-49. From I-49, take the Woodworth exit, follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (105 miles)

FROM NEW ORLEANS, take I-10 West toward Lafayette, exit North on I-49. From I-49, take the Woodworth exit, follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (182 miles)

FROM SHREVEPORT, take I-49 South through Alexandria. Take the Woodworth exit, and follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (129 miles)

Doris Brown Elected to Women's Division

Doris Burnett Brown has been elected to the Board of Directors, Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. Mrs. Brown received information regarding appointment in mid July and later received confirmation and committee work assignments.

Doris is a native of Leesville, Louisiana. She earned her B.A. degree from Dillard University, New Orleans, LA and has done further study at Louisiana Tech. While at Dillard University, Doris served as Student Government Association President and member, University Choir. Her varied activities in the church include Children's Coordinator, Assistant Director, Young Adult Choir and Young Adult Ministry. She represented Louisiana Conference UMW at the Each Local Woman Conference Workshop Event, second phase and has been a guest soloist and music coordinator for UMW Retreats and Annual Meetings.

At the 1994 Assembly UMW, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 29th Opening Worship Celebration of Faith, Doris was selected as one of the speakers telling her heritage through UMW. She told how her Christian faith began in the Baptist Church in Louisiana and how six years before her journey in UMW began with an invitation to join the UMW unit at the church where her husband was pastor. She witnessed how UMW helped her to see the world and the church in a broader more diverse way.

At Neely UMC-Baton Rouge, Doris is founder of a circle of younger women. Her Women's Division assignment will include work with youth/younger membership growth. Doris is married to Rev. Arnold V. Brown, Sr. and mother of a son, Arnold Brown, Jr. She is employed by the East Baton Rouge Parish School System and recently served as Baton Rouge District UMW, Christian Personhood mission coordinator. Doris is the Chairperson of the 1997 Louisiana Conference UMW Retreat.

From the President

We are excited to be able to have this year's Retreat at the NEW Louisiana Conference Center. An inspiring event has been planned, and we know you will want to be a part of this time of spiritual renewal, as well as to experience the beauty and serenity of this new facility. Register early; I'll be looking for you!

Presidential Apology:

It is the custom of the Conference to award Special Mission Recognition Pins to the Chairperson and Assistant Chair of Conference Events. This was overlooked at the recent District Elected Leaders' Training. Pins have been sent to Lois Heath and Kathleen Conrad since that time with an apology. Your President hereby makes that apology public. Thanks for a great job, Lois and Kathleen!

Pat Cobb, Conference President

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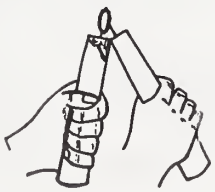

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Conference

I had been reading a 'dark-and-stormy-night' mystery Friday, so when I awoke to dark and gloomy on Saturday, it was no great surprise. Pre-dawn hours saw Methodist women, undaunted, gathering with missions on their minds (there's a country music title in there somewhere). A few hours and a few hundred miles later found us at Dulac Community Center where Rev. Don Morgan gave us maps and turned us loose to explore the facility. There were eighty-five of us, and he just might want to reconsider the 'turn-loose' plan for any repeat performances.

We had a wonderful lunch and a question-and-answer session with Don and the Rothrocks; Kirby was away, but his good wife is great company. More than half of our group were first-time visitors, and we had to round up rather forcefully after what seemed to be a very short time.

The next stop was the beautiful Methodist Children's Services site in Houma where Gerald Bridges was our shepherd. We spent an hour touring; some of the ladies had greeting cards for the children's free enterprise marketing project. When we left Houma, we worked our way back up to Baldwin to visit Sager-Brown. Sarah Schoeffler, Susan Pugh and a whole host of folks gave us a tour and a history of the center. Cargo holds on the charter buses carried Liberia Household Kits for storing in the new warehouse for a time when they can be put to their intended use.

We returned to our points of departure reasonably on schedule. With Barb Young's legendary management skills, we were able to make a small donation at each site and make undesignated gifts to mission as well. We were proud as peacocks (maybe a few bedraggled feathers) of all we had learned. It was not the usual Quiet Day. I note with interest that Don has a new charge and Gerald has retired. I'm afraid to ask about Sarah.

Peggy Pugh
Lake Charles District
Christian Personhood Mission Chairperson

Now, "Come to the Fountain!"

The Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women truly "lived" mission during 1996! YOU worked together to "Pass On" SUPPORT for the reality of mission today, and to "Pass On" a VISION of mission for tomorrow.

YOU MADE YOUR 1996 PLEDGE TO MISSION!

These are the figures:

	1995	1996	
PLEDGE:	$298,000.00	$250,000.00	
RECEIVED:			
UNDESIGNATED:	260,710.35	251,216.31	(3.5% DECREASE
DESIGNATED:	43,859.38	46,878.10	
TOTAL GIVING:	**304.569.38**	**298,094.41**	

In 1996, you decreased our Conference Pledge to Mission to a more realistic level of our actual giving. However, your level of giving decreased by 3.5%.

NOW, "COME TO THE FOUNTAIN" together in 1997 to reach your increased pledge of $260,000.00. YOU CAN DO IT! First, give thanks and praise to God for His priceless gifts of grace and spirit. Begin by giving Him the glory for our past accomplishments. Then seek to be filled for His mission in this New Year!

I want to personally thank each one of you for your love and support of our 1996 Conference Financial Team. It has been an experience of joy and learning for me, and I feel truly blessed to have served with you.

In His Love,

Mary M. Quinones

1996 Year in Review Captions:

1. Meeting Task Force: Left to Right: Lou Medlock, Linda Hursey, Chairperson, Local Arrangements, President UMW, 1st UMC-Monroe, Annette Fortuna, Chairperson Annual Meeting; Lorraine Sparks, Co-Chairperson Annual Meeting.

2. Hursey and Christine Coleman, President Monroe District UMW.

3. UMW Sunday Theme: "Pass It On."

4. Pat Cobb leads the Mid-year Executive meeting stretch.

5. Reading Program author, Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, "Dead Man Walking" and Rita Parham.

6. UMCOR Depot dedicated Marsh 1st, located at Sager-Brown Center, Baldwin, LA.

7. Baton Rouge District UMW President, Betty Pope, extends welcome at District Spiritual Enrichment Day, Theme: "Take a Bite of the Bidden Fruit."

8. Neely UMC-Baton Rouge Children's Choir.

9. South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting participants and elected leadership, Left to Right: Fannie Reddix, SCJ Alternate Director, Kathleen Conrad, member SCJ Core planning group, Mary Shelvin, LA Conference Travel Scholarship winner, Pat Cobb, SCJ Alternate Director.

10. Left to Right foreground: Hilda Sills, Conference UMW Vice President, Gayle Epperson, then North Shore District UMW President and Kathy Parker, SCJ Core planning group member, Education for Mission project.

11. Doris Brown, Women's Division Director.

12. Town Crier announces the beginning of LA Conference SCM (a.k.a. Rev. Steven W. Caraway, pastor University UMC-Lake Charles).

13. Pat Cobb presents Harriette Elrod, center, SCM Assistant Dean and Joyce Hazel, SCM Dean with Mission Recognition Pins in appreciation of their leadership.

14. Teachers Left to right: Lottie Palazzo, Lois R. Heath, Rev. Fay Barrhartung, Rev. Alonzo Campbell, Billye Elmore, Rev. Joe Elmore and Judi Grona.

15. Teachers Left to right: Gloria Bennett, Iveeta B. McIntosh, Rev. Kenneth Fisher, and Cheryl Gillespie, Childrens School Director.

16. The 1st time LA Conference SCM children's class.

17. First timers and Estelle Dameron scholarship students.

18. John Wesley makes a surprise visit (aka: Rev. Dave Fortuna, pastor Lea Joyner UMC-Monroe).

19. Fun night

20. Gwen Streams-Sherrer prepares the Resource Room assisted by Left-right: Local UMW member, Streams-Sherrer, Fortuna, and standing, Fannie Reddix.

21. Pat Cobb, President and Hilda Sills, Vice President lead officers processional.

22. Meeting Chair and Co-chair, Annette Fortuna and Lorraine Sparks.

23. Vera Bulloch lights the Mission Candle.

24. Keynote speaker Martha C. "Twick" Morrison.

25. Local women participating and passing on tradition, Left-right: LaShanda Batiste and Lana P. Lathan both of Baton Rouge District.

26. Bishop Dan E. and Mrs. Joy Solomon shared greetings.

27. Pat Cobb makes presentations to Chair and Co-Chair.

28. DELT opening processional, Left-right: Rev. Ernest Scott, pastor Newman UMC-Alexandria, Annette Fortuna, Lois R. Heath and Kathleen Conrad, Chair and Co-Chair of DELT, Dr. Judy Avery, Pat Cobb.

29. Mrs. Vonda B. Clark, President Newman UMW unit extending welcome and hospitality.

30. Dr. Judy Avery, DELT keynote speakers.

31. Gift in Honor presented to Dr. Avery by Lois Heath.

32. Communications Coordinators, seated left to right: Winona Cochran, Margery Ann Crawford, Floyce Meyer, standing: Rita Parham.

33. Rita Parham on the cover of Response special edition.

34. Leadership Training Event participants, Left to Right: Rita Parham, Norma Winegeart, Gayle Epperson, Betty Tripp, seated: Annette Fortuna and Evelyn Evans.

The Release...

1996: The year reviewed in story and pictures

From our local units, districts and conference to jurisdiction, Women's Division and Internationally, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women have presence in Mission all around the world. Here is the 1996 Mission Year in review documented in picture and story.

January, 1996 we journeyed to Monroe, Louisiana, site for Conference UMW annual meeting. The local team proved to be gentle task masters who pulled together a meeting with expert care. UMW members all over Louisiana Conference celebrated UMW Sunday. We mourned the loss of Mrs. George Walton (Estelle) Dameron a Louisiana pioneer in Mission Education. Departed January 28, 1996.

February, brought us to a mid way point and of course, the executive team, consisting of Conference elected and appointed members, Nominations committee, Jurisdictional officers and nine district presidents gathered for Mid-year executive meeting.

March, The UMCOR Depot was dedicated, Districts celebrated and became spiritually enriched. We all celebrated as Church Women United led Ecumenical celebrations, World Day of Prayer and gathered in Lafayette for State Assembly. Louisiana Conference UMW awarded a travel scholarship to attend SCJQ meeting to Mary Lee Shelvin.

April, We celebrated a risen savior at Easter, 16-26 The mile high city was the gathering point for General Conference, Denver Colorado, Women delegates elected to General and South Central Jurisdiction meeting were: Anita Crump, Nancy M. Carruth, Carolyn Dove, Seola Callahan, Pat Cobb, Vera Parker, Sarah Schoeffler, Sarah Kreutziger, Fane Peoples, Rev. Carole Cotton-Winn and Rev. Marie Williams.

May, 3-5, 1996, 36 Louisiana Conference UMW members travelled to Omaha, Nebraska for the South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting "Mission Mosaic." Kathleen Conrad, Pat Cobb, and Fannie Reddix were successful in election bids. Cathy Parker completed a quadrennial of work and Mary Lee Shelvin was there. Later during the month we were all excited to learn that Doris Burnett Brown was appointed as a Women's Division Director.

June, 3-6, 1996, Louisiana Annual Conference UMC, observed our last conference under the leadership of Bishop William Oden. June 21-25, the conference elected leadership attended West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission at McMurray University in Abilene, Texas to prepare for Conference School of Christian Mission. What a great learning experience to bring home and share.

July, What a busy month! July 14-19 South Central Jurisdictional Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri, 25-28, Where we had Bishop Dan E. Solomon assigned to Louisiana Conference School of Christian Missions and July 27-August 4, World Federation of Methodist Women Assembly in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. LA Conference SCM was the greatest one ever because we had some wonderfully energetic students (and future members of UMW) to attend our first ever Children's SCM. Hey! Macarena. At schools end they were already making plans to join us again 1997. I'm taking Geritol.

August, District Mini SCM- spreading the word and preparing to study in local church wide Schools of Christian Mission.

September, Louisiana Conference UMW Annual meeting, Monroe, Louisiana. All were invited to "Come to the Fountain." Inspirational Reports, New Officers, Officer retirement, Bible study, the Mission Candle-remembering our past, honoring our present and lighting the way for our future, Beautiful music, Wonderful speakers, Special visit from Bishop Dan E. and Mrs. Joy Solomon, Fellowship, Renewed spirits sent forth to continue work in mission.

October, District UMW Annual Meetings. What a great opportunity to share the renewed spirit received from attending annual meeting. There were officers retiring and new officers beginning and UMW continues to grow. On the 19th we met again to teach and learn during DELT-District Elected Leadership Training. 20-22, Education for Mission was a great success at Dulac Community Center, Dulac, LA.

November, Just as District officers learn from their conference counter parts, they soon return home to share new ideas and information at LELT-Local Elected Leadership Training. 22-24, New conference officers and nominations committee members attended LTE-Leadership Training Event in Chicago. More ideas and information to share!

December, full of so many wonders. A star to light the way, the end of a chapter, and the beginning of a new one yet to be written in Mission.

God Bless!

Rita M. Parham
Louisiana Conference Communications Coordinator

REGISTRATION & HOUSING FORM

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1997 Retreat
February 28 - March 2, 1997
Louisiana Conference Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

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Natchitoches, LA 71457

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Dulac Mission Event

A group of United Methodist Women composed of representatives from each district of the conference participated in a "Hands On" experience at the Dulac Cooperative Ministry at Dulac, Louisiana, on October 20-22, 1996. Pat Cobb, Louisiana Conference President and Team Leader, stated that the general purpose was:

"To better understand the role of UMW in mission through specific projects/programs of the Women's Division. To provide new interest and motivate apathetic members, to stimulate and excite potential new members, aid in interpreting "Where the Money Goes", relate our Biblical understandings to the call to be in mission through concerns for social justice."

Donna Kay Campbell, the new Director of Dulac, volunteers Alice and Rock Rothrock, and the Native Americans gave the group a warm welcome. The Mission encourages visiting teams to participate in VIM. Delicious "Cajun" food was prepared by members of the Clanton Chapel United Methodist Church; Rev. Kirby A. Verret is the pastor. The group enjoyed touring the mission, worship experiences, sharing dormitory sleeping facilities is the large trailers, and working together.

The women brought work clothes and comfortable shoes and painted a green fence, sorted various materials to be boxed and donated to Goodwill, swept the floor in the future church building, cleaned out debris and carried stacks of lumber to a better location. The building was a former Army Chapel which was shipped in to Dulac by a barge for $1200. Other women worked in the Carl and Mildred Brunson library by cataloging and sorting books and reading materials. Crafts decorating the library were made by the members of the Houma Nation and are for sale.

The Christian Preschool room in the LSU Extension Building is supported by United Methodist Women and used by the Mission Workers and Native Americans; some of the UMW mission team taught the children. A Headstart program is available for the community. Several sewing machines were set up ready for a class as well as several computers set up for college classes conducted by Nicholls State University in Thibodeaux. All programs and services emphasize meeting educational and recreational needs.

During one evening, Mrs. Florestine Billiet taught some women how to weave the lovely baskets from dried palmetto. Florestine could not speak English, but she communicated with them and some persons did learn how to weave. The women learned a great deal about their church's work in mission in Louisiana. In appreciation to the people of the Dulac Cooperative Ministry, Pat Cobb presented a check to Donna Kay Campbell for use in the Mission work of Dulac.

Muriel M. Miller
LA Conference UMW
Coordinator Social Action

Louisiana successful in SCJQ Elections

Louisiana Conference UMW nominees were very successful in officer elections at the South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial meeting in Omaha, Nebraska.

Kathleen C. Conrad was elected to serve as member, South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Team. Kathleen is a member of the Acadiana District, and has served both district and conference appointments and offices. Conrad was appointed Historian during the Winegeart administration and worked very diligently to research National mission sites located in Louisiana, identified pictures and organized information on past and present members of UMW and reacquainted members with Sager-Brown. She is past Conference Secretary of Publicity and Public relations, Co-chairperson, 1995 Conference UMW annual meeting, Lafayette, LA and Co-chaiperson, 1996 DELT-District Elected Leadership Training, Newman UMC, Alexandria, LA.

Kathleen is married to Rev. Clifton C. Conrad, Calvary UMC-Thibodeaux. They have a son and daughter.

Pat Cobb, Conference UMW President and **Fannie Reddix**, Conference UMW Secretary were elected as two of the eight Alternate Directors to Women's Division. Both Cobb and Reddix are New Orleans District UMW members.

Other Louisiana Conference nominees from SCJ to Women's Division included **Norma Winegeart**, Shreveport District, past Conference UMW President and **Lottie Palazzo**, New Orleans District, former Conference Secretary of Program Resources.

Among the 36 Louisiana Conference UMW members traveling to Omaha, NE was the Louisiana Conference SCJQ Travel Scholarship winner, Mary Lee Shelvin, Acadiana District. The Louisiana delegation included Cobb, **Hilda Sills**, **Mary Quinones**, Reddix, **Marie Young**, **Harriette Elrod**, (**Lou Medlock**, alternate). **Cathy Parker**, North Shore District, completed work with SCJ Education for Mission Project.

South Central Jurisdiction is composed of 17 Conferences across eight states including: Central Texas, Kansas East, Kansas West, Little Rock, Louisiana, Missouri East, Missouri West, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Arkansas, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Oklahoma, Oklahoma Indian Mission, Rio Grande, Southwest Texas and Texas.

The next Quadrennial meeting will occur Spring, 2000, time and place announced by the Core Planning Group.

Reported by
Rita M. Parham, Communications Coordinator

Coming Events

Mid-Year Executive Committee
- February 14-15
- LA Conference Center

Retreat
- February 28-March 1
- LA Conference Center
- Ch: Doris Brown
- Asst. Ch: Betty Pope

School of Christian Mission
- July 15-20
- Centenary College - Shreveport
- Dean: Harriette Elrod
- Asst. Dean: Joyce Hazel

Annual Meeting
- September 19-20
- Dillard University - New Orleans

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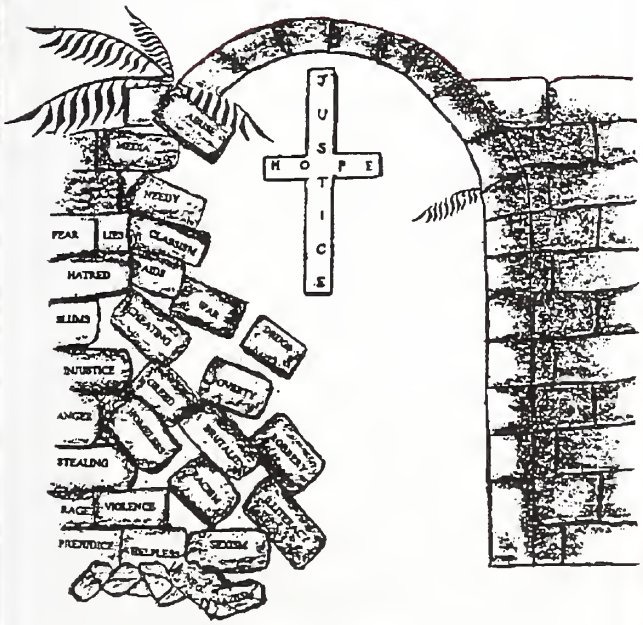

July 17 - 20, 1997
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana

Visioning Justice & Hope

As people of faith, we are inheritors of a vision of justice and hope. Because we are followers of Christ, we are challenged to seek ways to combat hopelessness even in the midst of violence and greed. Our faith empowers us to forgive those who have wronged us and to seek forgiveness from those we've hurt. This involves both personal and corporate repentance.

Over the centuries, the image of a promised land has inspired both persons seeking conquest and those seeking liberation. Joshua has stimulated hopes for freedom and has been used to justify conquest, oppression and exclusion. In Joshua, generations have found the story of a people blessed by God, who forged their collective identity by taking land and establishing a nation. For these people, nationhood merged with the landscape. But land was more than territory, it was a gift of God and the people were to be its caretakers, respecting the land and living justly with each other and their neighbors.

Today, around the world, those with power recognize that land is basic to maintaining and even increasing that power. Economic and social policies favor the rich, forcing more and more persons to leave the land of their inheritance and crowd into ever-growing cities. Violent conflict rooted in unjust economic and political systems arises when hope for relief from oppression seems impossible. Adjacent groups along the fault lines between civilizations struggle, often violently, over control of territory and each other. Nowhere are these struggles more apparent than in land movements today in Brazil or among the many competing interests of persons living within the United States.

Only as we confront and confess the abuse of power in ourselves, in others, and in controlling systems, repent of its evil, and commit ourselves anew to justice, can we hope to share a message of forgiveness and reconciliation for all. This is our mission.

Joyce and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. We invite you to participate in the studies: "Joshua and the Land," "Brazil," and "Christians Living in the Midst of a Violent Society." The children will study, "A Call to Hope."

Harriette Elrod
Dean
left

Joyce Hazel
Assistant Dean
right

School of Christian Mission: *Visioning Justice and Hope*

School time is upon us again. Last year, we were delighted to have 24 children join us for the first time. They added an optimistic outlook for our organization. We look forward to having many of them return, bringing their friends. You will note the excellent faculty for both children and adults elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Your School Committee is continually trying to make our great school even better. In an attempt to have registration morning flow more smoothly, we are asking that each person send the entire amount in advance: $95.00 for adults; $42.00 for children; commuters are urged to register in advance, too, sending the $11.00 registration fee. Hopefully, this will mean less time in line for everyone.

Many hours of preparation are necessary for a successful school. The Study Leaders, the Dean, Harriette Elrod, her Assistant, Joyce Hazel, and the School Committee are all working to make this time informative, enriching and enjoyable. Come learn and have fun with us!

Pat Cobb, Conference President

The Learning Center:

This year's Learning Center will be an exciting compliment to the Christian Mission education experience. The booths will highlight the 1997-98 studies and UMW's new structure, featuring the Mission Coordinators, the excitement of the Reading Program and celebrating Louisiana UMW's historic tradition in mission. The learning center displays will be interactive and offer hands on learning.

Display set up and take down:

A table will be provided for each district. Displays are to be set up and in place, ready for viewing by 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 17, 1997 during registration and taken down no later than 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, 1997.

The Learning Center Assignments Are:

Acadiana .....Education and Interpretation
Alexandria .....Joshua and the Land
Baton Rouge .....The Reading Program
Lake Charles .....Social Action
Monroe .....Christians Living in a Violent Society
New Orleans .....Mission: The Louisiana Tradition
North Shore .....Spiritual Growth
Ruston .....Membership Nurture and Outreach
Shreveport .....Brazil

Textbooks, Study Guides and AV:

Available from:
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Joshua and The Promised Land
Stock # 2635.....$4.50

Joshua and The Promised Land - Youth
Stock # 2636.....$2.75

Brazil, A Gracious People and A Heartless Country
Stock # 2637.....$8.95

Brazil Study Guide
Stock # 2638.....$5.95

Map & Facts
Stock # 2639.....$5.95

A Call To Hope: Living As Christians In A Violent Society
Stock # 2633.....$8.95

A Call To Hope: Children's Magazine
Stock # 2540.....$3.95

Teacher's Guide
Stock # 2641.....$5.95

Video: A Call To Hope
Stock # 2643.....$19.95

Mission Education Opportunities:

Each district sponsors a Mini School of Christian Mission to introduce the studies to local members who are unable to attend Conference SCM, leaders of local church wide schools and Church mission leaders. District Mini Schools will be held:

Saturday, August 9, 1997

Baton Rouge District
9am - 2pm, Blackwater UMC,
10000 Blackwater Rd., Baker, LA
Brenda Canty-Dean; Merrelle McGehee-Asst. Dean

Monroe District
9:30am - 2pm, Vidalia UMC, Vidalia, LA
Frances Patton-Dean

New Orleans District
9am - 12:30pm, St. Bernard UMC,
115 E. D'Amour St., Chalmette, LA 70043
Carol Kinabrew-Dean; Sybil Boseman-Asst. Dean

Sauturday, August 16, 1997

Ruston District
9am - 2pm, Hodge UMC, Hodge, LA
Ronnie Spillers-Dean; Margaret Collins-Asst. Dean

Saturday, August 23, 1997

Acadiana District
9:30am - NOON, Sager-Brown Center,
Baldwin, LA
Alva Charatain-Dean

Alexandria District
9am - 1:30pm, Asbury UMC,
Natchitoches, LA
Willie Kimbrough-Dean

North Shore District
9am - 2pm, Winan UMC,
Franklinton, LA
Jopsehine Onofry-Dean; Johnnye Butler-Asst. Dean

Shreveport District
9am - 1pm, Christ UMC,
Crabapple Lane, Shreveport, LA
Gladys Prillerman-Dean

Sunday, August 24, 1997

Lake Charles District
2:30pm - 5pm, Squires-Memorial UMC,
Ragley, LA
Pat Davis-Dean; Jeroldean Dommert-Asst. Dean

Books For Sager-Brown

It has been brought to the attention of the Conference Executive Committee that the Library at Sager-Brown is in need of *new* children's books; particularly those about African-American children. If your unit would like to contribute funds for this project, it should be sent through the District Treasurer under Supplemental Giving. For more information you may contact Sarah Schoeffler, P.O. Box 239, Baldwin, LA 70514, 1-800-334-4221. Of course, Supplemental Giving should always come *after* we have paid our Pledge to Missions.

School of Christian Mission
SCHEDULE 1997

Thursday, July 17th

9:00-12:00	Registration - James Dormitory Learning Center in Kilpatrick Auditorium Resource Room - Mickle Hall
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:00	First Timers Meeting - Kilpatrick Auditorium
1:00-1:15	Community Sings
1:15-2:15	Gathering of All (Recognition of First Timers, Estelle Dameron Scholarship Recipients, Children)
2:30-3:30	**Class**: "Brazil" or "Christians Living in the Midst of a Violent Society"
3:45-4:45	Bible Study: "Joshua and the Land"
4:45-5:30	Free time: Program Resource Center, Learning Center, etc.
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	Community Sings
6:45-7:45	UMW Focus - Skit / Officer Update
8:00-'Till	"Red Eye Theater" - Audio Visuals - Kilpatrick Auditorium

Friday, July 18th

6:45-7:00	Morning Praise - Hargrove Memorial Amphitheater
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:15-8:45	Worship Service For All
9:00-12:00	**Class**
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Free time: Learning Center, Resource Room
2:00-5:00	Bible Study
5:00-5:30	Free time
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	Community Sings
6:45-7:15	UMW Focus
7:30-9:00	Celebration, Fellowship and Refreshments
9:15-'Till	"Red Eye Theater" - Audio Visuals - Kilpatrick Auditorium

Saturday, July 19th

6:45-7:00	Morning Praise
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:15-8:45	Worship Service For All
9:00-12:00	**Class**
12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:45-1:45	Workshop for those planning to lead studies (Adults and Children)
1:00-2:00	Free time: Learning Center, Resource Room
2:00-5:00	Bible Study
5:00-5:30	Free time
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	Community Sings
6:45-7:45	Focus on Children
7:45-9:00	UMW Focus - Women's Division Update
9:15-'Till	"Red Eye Theater" - Audio Visuals - Kilpatrick Auditorium

Sunday, July 20th

7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-9:15	Bible Study
9:30-10:30	**Class**
10:55-	Sunday Morning Worship - Brown Chapel NO LUNCH

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

HOUSING • MEALS • FEES

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. The dorms will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space. All rooms have two single beds with adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice of a roommate.

Bring bed linens, pillow, blanket, towels, etc. You will also need clothes hangers and a cup for morning coffee. If you would like to bring a telephone, all rooms have phone jacks. Air conditioning often makes the classrooms cold, so bring a sweater. Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear and a tote bag should complete the list.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **If you need first floor accommodations, you may not request a roommate.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms.

All who stay on campus, must purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with a policy of Centenary College.

Lost keys and meal cards must be paid for. The keys cost $25.00 to replace and the meal cards cost $10.00 to replace. Those bringing children to the school MUST stay in the dorm room with them at night. Our workers in this school are responsible ONLY for the hours of classes and scheduled events. This is a requirement from Women's Division. Also, our school nurse reminds parents to bring the children's correct medication for parental administration. Please bring your own sun screen so we can see radiant and shining children's faces (from happiness, not sunburn!). Last year, some children were allergic to different brands of sun screen.

Those who are commuting to school, MUST pre-register. The cost for that only, is $11.00.

Also, in accordance with the policy of Centenary College, is the rule that there will be **NO SMOKING WITHIN THE DORMITORIES OR ANY OTHER BUILDING ON CAMPUS.**

Anyone not a member of the School Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to carpool, **SHALL PAY $13.00 PER NIGHT FOR THE DORMITORY ROOM AND PAY FOR EXTRA MEALS AS YOU GO THROUGH THE CAFETERIA LINE.**

Your address on campus will be:

James Dormitory
P.O. Box 41188
Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: (318) 869-5313

Registration, Housing and Meals Cost:
$95.00 for Adults • $42.00 for Children

Deadline for Registration is July 1, 1997

Introducing The 1997 School

Brazil

Emily McCoy:

Emily received her basic education in the parishes of St. Martin and Iberia. She received a B.S. from Southern University, her M.E.D. from LSU plus 30 hours from other universities. Emily taught P.E. and Social Studies for 35 years and is now retired. She is a member of Mallalieu U.M.C. and is active in her local church and in the district. She served as President of the District. Emily is a charter member of Sager-Brown Enabling Ministries. She has two daughters and four grand-children.

Clifton Conrad, Sr.:

Clifton is a native of Baton Rouge. He received a B.S. in Education from U.S.L. and also a Masters degree there. Clifton is currently completing a course of study through Perkins School of Theology. He has taught in schools in Lafayette and is presently a Guidance Counselor. Clifton also serves as pastor of Calvary U.M.C. in Thibodeaux. He is married to Kathleen Conrad and they have two children.

Dr. Alonzo Campbell:

Rev. Campbell is presently a member of the Louisiana Conference staff, serving as Director of Special Ministries, and was a 1996 delegate to Jurisdictional Conference. A native of New Orleans, he and his wife Jacqueline have one son. He graduated Cum Laude from Clark Atlanta University, Gammon Theological Seminary and received a doctor of ministry degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was honored as one of 100 ministers at the "Celebrating the Call" Convocation sponsored by the division of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Church. He was elected as Jurisdictional Conference and Reserve General Conference Delegate in 1988 and 1992. Rev. Campbell was also honored by the City of Slidell when June 26, 1994 was declared "Dr. Alonzo J. Campbell Day" by the Mayor and City Council. He has served many churches in the Louisiana conference, and has been involved in many activities on the District, Conference and General Church levels.

Rev. M.C. Cady:

Rev. Cady is a graduate of McNeese, Centenary College, Perkins School of Theology and also did graduate work at Scarritt, Peabody, Vanderbilt and Tulane. He and his wife, Rosemary served seven years as missionaries to Brazil. He also served several pastorates in Louisiana. The Cadys have one daughter and two grand daughters. They are spending two months visiting in Brazil from April 12 to June 15.

Joshua

Mary Lou Blakeman:

Mary Lou will conduct the study of Joshua. She is a native of Sulphur, Louisiana. She is married to Dr. Warren Blakeman, pastor of St. Paul UMC of Monroe. They have three children and one grandchild. Mary Lou received her B.S. degree from Centenary College, a specialist degree in school psychology from LSU and did graduate work at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. She is a school psychologist in the Juvenile Justice System. Mary Lou is actively involved in her church as well as on the district and conference levels. She is a Bible study teacher and retreat leader and has held many offices in the Conference UMW as well as teaching in conference and regional Schools of Christian Mission.

Of Christian Mission Teachers

Christians Living In The Midst of A Violent Society

Lois R. Heath:

Lois received both B.A. and M.A. degrees from Southern University and did further study at Atlanta University and Southwestern University. She is a counselor, seminar instructor and Assistant Professor at Southern University. Lois is a member of the Board of Wesley Foundation at Southern University, a life member of the Southern University Alumni Association, and a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. Lois is a certified lay speaker and worship leader. She is a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church where she was elected the Lay person of the Year in 1991. Lois has served the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women as Secretary of Program Resources, dean and assistant dean of the School of Christian Missions, and a member of the Committee on Nominations. She is a member of the Baton Rouge District committee on the District Superintendency and Conference Committee on Finance and Administration. Lois is married to Daniel Louis Heath, Sr. and has one son, Daniel Louis Heath, Jr.

Dr. J. Philip Woodland:

Dr. Woodland is a native of Alexandria, Louisiana, received his B.A. degree from LSU; a B.D. from Yale and an honorary degree from Centenary College. He has served several pastorates in LA and is completing a term as District Superintendent of the Monroe District. Phil has been a delegate to four General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He and his wife, Madeline, are the parents of a son and two daughters.

Rev. Dr. Joe E. Elmore:

Rev. Dr. Elmore is a retired member of the Southwest Texas Conference, having retired as President of the Texas United Methodist College Association in 1991. The Association consists of seven United Methodist colleges and universities in Texas. For over twenty years, he was Professor, Dean, and Provost of Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. He earned his BA degree from Southern Methodist University, a divinity degree from Yale and the PhD from Columbia. He has also studied at the William Alanson White Institute of Psychoanalysis in New York City and the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas. Joe has taught in the West Gulf and South Atlantic Regional Schools of Christian Mission, and in schools on events in the following conferences; Southwest Texas, Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Central Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, West Ohio, Minnesota, California-Pacific and California-Nevada. He is scheduled to teach the Northwest Texas Conference school as well as the Louisiana Conference School.

Billye L. Elmore:

Billye grew up in parsonages in the Southwest Texas Conference. She is a graduate of Southwestern University and earned a Master's Degree from Ball State University. She also studied at Southern Methodist University, Texas A and I, and Yale University. She taught for more than twenty years in the public schools of Texas, Connecticut, Indiana, and California, teaching kindergarten and first grade. She has served in a variety of positions in local United Methodist Women units, on conference mission teams and as President of the Austin District. She is currently Vice President of the local unit of San Carlos UMC in San Diego. Billye has taught in the West Gulf, Midwest and South Atlantic Regional Schools of Christian Mission, and in schools on events in the following conferences: Southwest Texas, Texas, Northwest Texas, North Texas, Central Texas, Louisiana, Minnesota, New Mexico, West Ohio, California-Pacific, and California-Nevada. In addition to teaching in the Louisiana Conference School this summer, she will be teaching in the Northwest Texas Conference School.

Children's School

Jacqueline S. Campbell:

Jacqueline is a native of Anniston, AL, married to Dr. Alonzo Campbell and the mother of one son, Kevin. She received a B.A. degree from Spelman College and LSU and her M.Ed from University of New Orleans. She has taught for many years and is presently serving as a Middle School French and Conflict Resolution Teacher in the East Baton Rouge Parish School System. Jacquie has been youth counselor, Sunday school teacher and choir director in her local churches and has also worked in district and conference youth and ecumenical retreats.

Bonnie Daniel:

Bonnie is presently serving as Director of Program and Children's Ministry at Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Shreveport. She received her certification as Elementary B Lab Teacher through the General Board of Discipleship and is also qualified as a Disciple Bible Study Leader and Sunday School Teacher. Bonnie has worked in many large churches around the country as she has moved with her Air Force husband, Colonel William T. Daniel, Jr. They are the parents of two sons and a daughter.

Woman In Mission

"Woman In Mission" is a new conference award announced as a part of the six year membership campaign. Women's Division instituted this recognition in order to encourage appreciation and nurture of membership.

At the Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting, Carolyn Colvin was named *Woman in Mission for the Year 1996*. She is the first recipient of this award which will be given annually to a woman who has made significant contributions to the organization of United Methodist Women.

Carolyn's efficiency, her sense of humor and her caring ways have aided Conference Executive Committees, Conference School of Mission Committees and all who have participated in UMW activities.

In the 1996 Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission, Carolyn's daughter, Mary Colvin Koerner, taught in the children's division and her daughter, Cara Koerner was a student. Three generations involved in mission! And you can be very sure John Colvin, husband, father and grandfather, was close at hand to assist in any way needed.

Carolyn Meek Colvin is a graduate of Bradley, Arkansas High School and Texas Woman's University. She received a teacher's certificate from Centenary College, completed physics and computer science courses at Louisiana State University, Shreveport and has been a vital part of United Methodist Women's School of Christian Mission for many summers.

Her for pay experiences include working as an analytical chemist, a junior high school science/math teacher, high school physics, chemistry and math teacher as well as bookkeeper for the Shreveport Symphony.

In the local units of United Methodist Women, Carolyn has served as Circle Leader, Church Women United Key Woman, Christian Social Concerns Coordinator, Vice President and President.

Carolyn has served as Vice President of Shreveport District and currently is District President, a position she has held for four years.

Mary Koerner is a graduate of Northeast with a degree in education. She is a substitute teacher, a member of First U.M.C. Chancel Choir, a Circle Leader, Coordinator of Social Involvement and quite involved in many volunteer activities. Cara Koerner, age 7, is in the first grade at University Elementary.

Carolyn Colvin is a perfect example of carrying out our slogans of "Count Me In" and "Pass It On". Her daughter and grand-daughter helped to make our first Children's School of Mission a great success. They are excellent role models for United Methodist Women. Let as many of us as can, join this three generation example.

Mary and Cara Koerner, Carolyn Colvin

"Thoughts of a Youth" From Last Year's School

I liked School of Christian Mission at Centenary College. I enjoyed being in a Christian environment. I was 15 last summer when I worked with the kids. We all liked each other and got along fine. For special activities the kids and I went swimming and skating. We did a lot of classroom activities. We studied about different cultures, especially the Chinese, and about John Wesley. We decorated the dorms with the Chinese lanterns we made in class. One of the activities we did was teaching the adults the macarena. (It was popular then.) We learned some songs and then sang them for the adults at their closing worship. We also got to watch t.v., play games, color, read, and talk. We went to Providence House, one of the local shelters and took them some things they needed. Over all, we had a lot of fun. I am planning to go back with my mother again this year. I am choosing this over my youth group's mission trip and other activities.

Angela Reed

Quote from the mother: "My children went to Mount Sequoyah with me for three summers to the Ecumenical Mission Conference and enjoyed being with a dozen other children in a week-long Bible school atmosphere. They have begged to go back, but it hasn't been convenient. I didn't think a week with momma at some church meeting would still be the way she would want to spend a week of her summer, but evidently I was wrong.

Mothers and grandmothers, bring your young people and children with you. I promise you they will have a delightful time!

Joyce Reed

SEND APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 1997

Estelle Dameron
School of Christian Mission Scholarships

Through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship fund, the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women offer scholarships to the 1997 School of Christian Mission to be held at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana, July 17-20, 1997.

This has been made possible through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units.

The Committee on membership is encouraging high school girls to apply for a scholarship. Getting a woman interested in mission at an early age is one way to balance the "graying" of our organization. Please seek out girls in your congregation and urge them to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend the School of Christian Mission and PARTICIPATE FULLY in all activities. They can be young, not-so-young, single, married, employed, student, retired, from a large or small unit, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will be considered.

Please send only one applicant per unit. Applications must be mailed to: Mrs. Harriette Elrod • 111 DeSoto Street • Tallulah, LA 71282.

Estelle Dameron
School of Christian Mission Scholarships
Application

District _____ Unit (Name of Church) _____
Location _____ New _____ No. in Unit _____
Name of Applicant _____
Address
_____
City _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ State _____ Zip _____
Applicant has / has not ☐ attended a Scl☐l of Christi☐ Mission☐fore
Applicant's A☐ grouping: h☐h school under 35 35-50 50 or older
Employed: ☐ Full time ☐ Part time ☐
Retir☐ Stu☐t H☐emaker
Age of Children: Pre-school School Not at home
Applican☐choice of s☐ly:
Brazil Christians Living In the Midst of a Violent Society
Name of unit president or contact person:
_____
Address
_____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
To be written by applicant on separate sheet:
I would like to attend School of Christian Mission because...

From The Conference Secretary of Program Resources

As we approach another year in Program Resources, I am reminded of Psalm 139: 7-10, especially the last lines, : *If I take the wings of morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there thy hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me."*

We have had a good year and we know with God's help we shall continue. My back has sustained me and all of you have helped so willingly. A special 'thank you' to those who gave your time during last year's School of Mission. To the new officers, "Get ready! You may be called on to help also." It is imperative that the Program Resources persons attend the School of Mission. This is where you can really learn what your "job" is all about.

We have been charged with new responsibilities with the awakening of the new structure. Instead of sending your Reading Program lists to the Spiritual Growth person, everyone needs to send them to the District Secretary of Program Resources who in turn will send them to the Conference. Please compile the numbers and church names. Deadline date for getting them to the District is August 1st. Districts should get them to me by August 10th. Let's keep our deadlines in mind, so that we can have the certificates prepared in time for Annual Meeting.

I am looking for ladies who are interested in giving book reviews. I'd like for you to do some reviews sometime during School of Mission or at Annual Meeting. Send your name to me soon! Requests have come to me for materials during the year. Budget constraints prevent me from keeping items stored at my home. (Space prevents also). But I can take your needs and have your request at the next gathering. Be sure you visit the Resource Room every chance you get at School of Mission and plan ahead. Thank you for understanding and praying for me as we all work together for U.M.W. My prayers will continue for you and all that you do for U.M.W.

Gwen Streams

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION REGISTRATION FORM

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

There Will Be No Registration At Site. Everyone MUST Be Pre-Registered.

July 17-20, 1997 • Centenary College

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No. ( ) _____

Church: _____ District: _____

Check all that apply:

___ First timer ___ Need First floor room

___ Rooming with child ___ Staying Off Campus

___ Executive Committee ___ District Officer

Arrival: ___ Tuesday ___ Wednesday ___ Thursday

___ Will need ride to classes

___ Providing Van for shuttle to classes

Roommate preferred: _____

Suitemates preferred: _____

Studies: Choose One of the Following:

___ Christians Living In The Midst of A Violent Society

___ Brazil

Everyone particiaptes in the study *Joshua & The Land*

CHILDREN'S* REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Sex _____ Age _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No. ( ) _____

Church: _____

District: _____

Name of Adult rooming with you: _____

* Children must be 7 to 12 years of age *

Send Housing & Registration
of $95.00 Adults - $42.00 Children to:
Evelyn Evans
100 St. Clair - Natchitoches, LA 71457
By July 1st
Make Check Payable To:
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United Methodist Women

Coming Events

April 10-12	Global Gathering, Kansas City
April 25-27	SCJ President's Consultation
May 3	Membership Workshop - LA Conference Center
May 16-18	Training for Leaders of Mission Studies for Children and Youth, Nashville, TN
June 2-5	ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Centenary College, Shreveport, LA
June 20-24	Regional School of Christian Mission, Abilene, TX
July 15-16	Committee Meetings, Shreveport, LA
July 17-20	Conference School of Christian Mission, Centenary College, Shreveport, LA
September 5-7	Training for Dean/Assistant Dean, Scarritt-Bennett Center, Nashville, TN
September 18	Conference Executive Committee, New Orleans, LA
September 19-20	UMW Conference Annual Meeting, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA
October-November	District Annual Meetings
Octover 24-25	District Elected Leaders' Training (DELT), LA Conference Center
November 21-23	Leadership Development Event, Chicago, IL

1998

Janurary 25	UMW Sunday
April 12	EASTER
May 14-17	UMW Assembly, Orlando, FL
June 19-23	West Gulf Regional School

1997 District Annual Meetings

Acadiana	October 4	Sager Brown, Baldwin
Alexandria	October 4	First UMC, Marksville
Baton Rouge	November 8	Evangeline UMC, Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	November 1	Oakdale UMC, Oakdale
Monroe	October 11	First UMC, Bastrop
New Orleans	October 4	Aurora UMC, Algiers
North Shore	October 4	First UMC, Hammond
Ruston	October 5	Arcadia UMC, Arcadia
Shreveport	October 12	Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport

General Information

FIRST TIMERS Anyone attending the School of Missions for the first time is asked to meet with Joyce Hazel and Harriette Elrod in Kilpatrick Auditorium at 12:45, Thursday, July 25.

RESOURCE ROOM Gwen Streams, Secretary of Program Resources, invites you to visit the Room from 9:00 am until noon on Thursday and as time posted for other days. She will have the books you will need to participate in each of the studies. There will also be plenty of free and inexpensive materials that will help you and your unit.

LEARNING CENTER You won't want to miss the Learning Center. The districts will have displays on each of the studies.

THE OFFERING This year's offering will be undersignated gift to Missions. Evelyn Evans will provide more details at the school.

AUDIO VISUALS Fannie Reddix will coordinate the audio visuals that pertain to the studies.

TABLE GRACES Annette Fortuna will provide table meditation for the dining hall and encourages you to use them.

MEDITATION ROOM The meditation room is located in James Dorm. You can frequent this quiet room during these four days and browse as you meditate.

MEDICAL INFORMATION Vera Bullock will serve as our School nurse and will be located in James Dormitory.

INSURANCE All participants, including study leaders and Estelle Dameron Scholarship Participants, are required to register and pay the $11 registration fee for insurance coverage from the time you leave your home, throughout your stay on campus, to your return home.

COURTESY TRANSPORTATION Volunteers willing to provide transportation to and from class are asked to sign up at registration and provide proof of insurance. Those persons who have need of this service should make request when they register. Gail Epperson and Jan Randolph are coordinators.

MORNING COFFEE will be provided in the dorms. Don't forget to bring your coffee cup.

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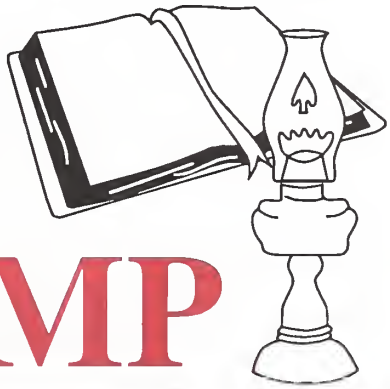
September 19-20, 1997

THY WORD IS A LAMP



New Orleans, Louisiana

The twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 in Lawless Chapel of Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana on Friday, September 19, 1997.

Pat Cobb, Conference President, will preside over the meeting. Dr. Carole Cotton-Winn, District Superintendent of New Orleans District; June Sanchez, U.M.W. President of the New Orleans District; Dr. Michael Lomax, President of Dillard University, will embrace participants and each UMW in attendance as they assemble for this Annual Commemoration of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, whose being is MISSION.

The theme for this year's meeting is, "Thy Word Is A Lamp." Our theme is based on the scriptures texts John 1:1-5 and Psalms 119:105. We find these words, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by HIM, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the darkness comprehended it not." Psalms 119:105, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Our theme hymn is, "Thy Word is a Lamp." Throughout the Annual Meeting we will be replenished by the Word that was with God and was God. May this be an opportunity for us as we make preparation to enter into the twenty-first century. God is the same today, yesterday, and forever. This is also an opportunity for us to realize that we have the Word, Life, Light, and Lamp. Which path will we as United Methodists Women take?

S. Dianna Masters, Director of the Women's Division from the South Central Jurisdiction, will be addressing the Annual Meeting on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Hilda Doakes Sills is the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Lottie Palazzo is Co-Chairperson. June Sanchez is chairperson of local arrangements. Yours in Christ, Hilda Sils

Hilda Sills
Chairperson

Lottie Palazzo
Co-Chairperson

Call To Annual Meeting

"THY WORD IS A LAMP" It is the hope of the Annual Meeting Task Force that this will be an *illuminating* meeting (pun intended). New Orleans has not hosted an Annual Meeting since 1980 and the local arrangements people are doing everything possible to provide for your hospitality.

Because there is no local church large enough to accommodate this event, the sessions will be held at **DILLARD UNIVERSITY**, a Methodist-related school. Dillard has a lovely campus and spacious chapel and the administration has been most cooperative.

Bus transportation is offered from the hotel on both days for a $15 fee. This must be paid in advance with registration. See the registration form elsewhere in this Newsletter. The bus will return to the hotel at the close of the meeting on Saturday and a sack lunch will be provided for bus riders.

Please note that a banquet will be held on Friday evening at the headquarters hotel, the Radisson. Many have expressed concern for driving after dark, and it is hoped that this will solve that problem. Also, it provides an opportunity for "freshening up" before the evening meal. Please include $15 for the banquet with your registration.

It is hard to believe that four years have passed since I was installed as your President. It has been a great ride. Thanks to the Mission Team for their support and cooperation; thanks to my local church members and my pastor, Rev. Wes Reagan, and unlimited use of the church copy machine; thanks to my family for rallying when I had to be away; special thanks to my husband, Earl, for his constant support and playing secretary, critic, confidante and housemaid when necessary; and thanks be to God for making all this possible.

Come join the saints in New Orleans and be in that number!

Pat Cobb, Conference President

More About Annual Meeting

Please fill out the registration form on page 7 and send the entire form to Evelyn Evans. Be sure to include your check in the amount of $5.00. Everyone who attends must pay this fee because it includes the insurance that will cover you from the time you leave home, throughout the meeting and your return home. Also please be sure and indicate if you will be needing child care and check the boxes that will let us know what meals you will be eating at Dillard. This will help us in planning the food. Remember, this year we will have a banquet instead of the various districts going out to eat.

On Friday night, the banquet will begin at 6:30 P.M., the doors will open at 6:00 P.M. Be sure to check the banquet square on the registration form and include your $15.00 if you plan to attend the banquet.

On Saturday morning, an offering will be received to be used in mission work, so please be prepared to contribute to this important gift. Please remember, also, our "Mission Candle." This is a meaningful way to honor loved ones, as well as increase our gift to missions.

Registration will begin at Dillard University in Kearney Hall (first floor) at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, September 19, 1997 and continue until 12:20 P.M. The address of Dillard University is 2601 Gentilly Blvd. Signs will be posted to direct you to the registration tables. A sandwich lunch will be provided in the same building on the second floor, (elevator service is available.) The lunch will be served from 11:30 until 12:30. The meeting will convene at 1:00 P.M.

Following the afternoon session, delegates and guests will have free time until 6:30 P.M. at which time the banquet will begin.

A Continental Breakfast will be available on Saturday morning. Following the Worship Service that morning, a sandwich lunch will again be provided. Please remember to indicate on registration form the meals you will be eating at Dillard.

A post-executive committee meeting will be held immediately following the Communion Service and will include all newly elected conference officers as well as retiring officers.

Be sure to include with your $5.00 registration fee, $15.00 banquet fee and if needed, $15.00 for roundtrip bus transportation from the Radisson Hotel to Dillard University-Friday and Saturday. Bag lunches will be provided for those who ride the bus, others will go to Kearney Hall.

****** TRANSPORTATION FEE ******
MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION.
****
TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FOR LATE REGISTRANTS

SHOES!! SHOES!! SHOES!!

All God's chillun' ***don't*** have shoes. Bishop Solomon told us at Annual Conference that many children in Africa who flee their homes with their families must walk barefoot across lava rock, which cuts their feet and allows parasites to enter their bodies, causing disease and sometimes death. A pair of tennis shoes could save a life!

Please bring new tennis shoes in children's sizes to the Conference Annual Meeting at Dillard University in New Orleans. Tie the laces together and indicate the size and right and left with "R" and "L" on the bottom of each shoe with a permanent marker. These will be collected and taken to the **Children in Poverty** special called session of the Annual Conference at Louisiana College in Pineville, October 4.

Watch the *Louisiana United Methodist Review* for more details.

Program "Thy Word is a Lamp"

Scriptures: John 1:1-5 Psalms 119:105

Friday Afternoon: 1:00 P.M.

Prelude
Invocation ..... Rev. Ellen Blue
Convening of the 24th Annual Meeting ..... Pat Cobb
Affirmation of Our Purpose (In Unison)
Welcome ..... June Sanchez
Dillard University, and City of New Orleans
Presentation of Program ..... Hilda D. Sills and Lottie Palazzo
Lighting of the Mission Candle ..... Dr. Marilyn Ray
Hymn "Thy Word is a Lamp"
Opening Meditation ..... Rev. Helena Wright-Butler

Business Session

UMW's Year in Review ..... Pat Cobb and Officers
Recommendation of Executive Committee

Reports

Church Women United
Conference Goals for 1998 ..... Hilda Doakes Sills
Membership
Finance Report and Budget
Committee on Nomination .....Norma Winegeart

Break

U.M.W. Sings
Greeting from the Jurisdiction ..... Joyce Elaine Fish
Project Reports
Honoring of Retiring Officers ..... Amy Ward
Close of Afternoon Session

Friday Evening: 6:30 P.M.
Banquet

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.
Radisson Hotel - Kenner, Louisiana

Musical Selections
Introduction of Speaker ..... Hilda D. Sills
Message .....Dianna Masters
Musical Selections

Saturday Morning: 8:30 A.M.

U.M.W. Sings .....Dolores Giles
Morning Prayer .....Rev. Patricia Brown
Litany ..... Hilda D. Sills
Pledge Service .....Evelyn Evans
Report of Registration ..... Kay Dupuy
Special Mission Recognition
Morning Message ..... Dianna Masters
Offertory Prayer
Offering
Installation of Officers ..... Lynn Foil
Invitation to 1998 Annual Meeting
Announcements
Adjournment

Break

Meditation ..... Dr. Carole Cotton-Winn
Holy Communion
Sending Forth
Postlude

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- New Orleans International Airport

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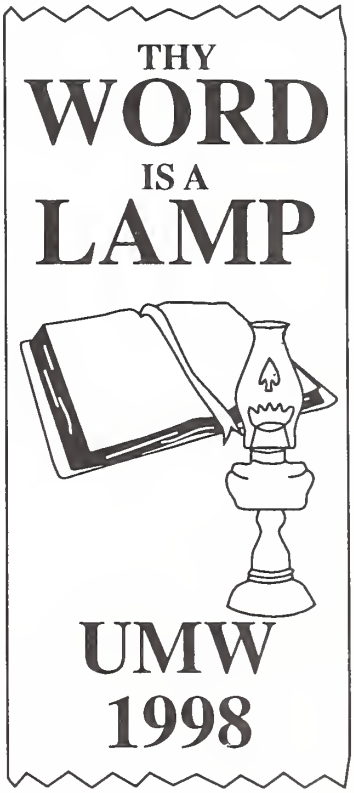

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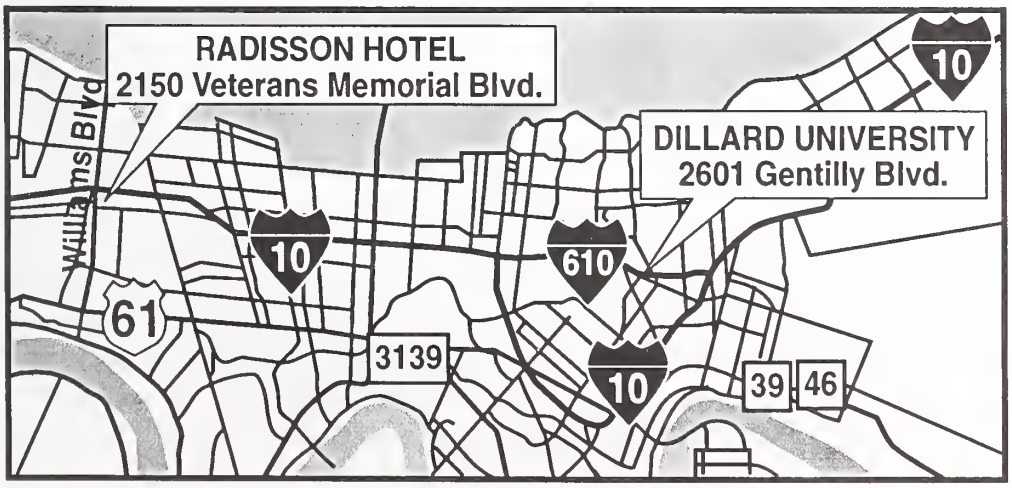

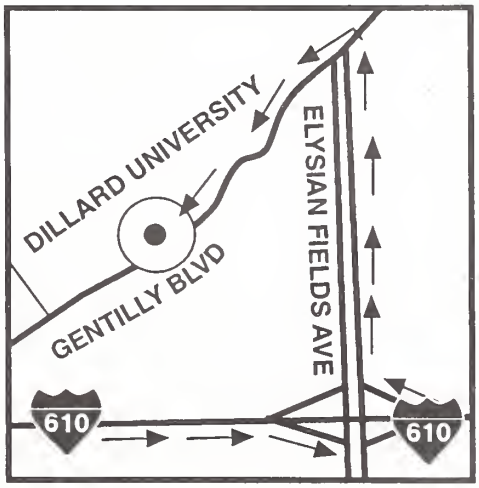

PROGRAM

S. Dianna Masters has worked with United Methodist Women for a number of years, serving on the local, district and conference levels. She was elected as a Women's Division Director of the General Board of Global Ministries and served from 1992-1996. She was reelected in April 1996 to serve another term, 1996-2000. She has taught in many conference Schools of Christian Mission, and helped organize many local UMW units.

She is married to Rev. Dr. Henry L. Masters, Sr. and has three children: Henry L. Masters, Jr., a Junior at Morehouse College; Imani Masters, a freshman at Spelman College and Mia Masters, a 6th grader at Brandenburg Intermediate School.

She is an active member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX.

S. Dianna earned the Associate Degree from Tarrant County Junior College; Bachelor of Science Degree from Texas Christian University; Masters of Educational Administration from Texas A& M at Commerce, TX and other leadership courses such as DUPONT while at Region X ESC.

She says that the most important thing to know about her is that "Christ is the head of her life."

June F. Sanchez, President of New Orleans District, Chairperson of Local Arrangement. June is the widow of the late Andrew P. Sanchez, Sr., the mother of twins and the grandmother of two children. She is a member of Hartzell United Methodist Church where she currently serves as chairperson of the Administrative Board and member of Hartzell Day Care Center Board of Directors.

She has served as Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Vacation Bible School Director, Christian Education Chairperson, Council on Ministries Chairperson and local unit UMW president. Her United Methodist Women service includes secretary of New Orleans-Slidell District, secretary and vice-president of the New Orleans District, and member of district and conference committees. June recently retired after 43 years of teaching.

Carole Cotton-Winn is a native of Rayville, LA. She is a graduate of Perkins School of Theology and received an honorary doctorate from Centenary College. She is married to Dr. John Winn, the director of the Center for Pastoral Effectiveness for the Louisiana Conference. John and Carole have a daughter, Lane Cotton Winn.

From 1978-88, Carole and John co-pastored First United Methodist Church in Houma, Louisiana, a unique church of over a thousand members in the heart of the "oil patch" and Louisiana's Acadian culture. They developed innumerable patterns of collegial ministry, not the least of which was a penchant for Dialogue Sermons. Mostly, they alternated Sundays preaching, but on special Festival occasions of the Church Year, they would preach a Dialogue Sermon.

In 1988 Bishop Ben Oliphant appointed them to the Aldersgate UMC in Slidell, Louisiana, just outside of New Orleans.

John and Carole felt they were at the beginning of another long-term pastorate, when Bishop Oden decided he wanted Carole on his Cabinet. She has been in ministry in the Conference since 1970, has preached at numerous national events and Annual Conference Sessions, been a member of the General Board of Discipleship, served on the General Conference Committee on the Mission of the Church, and has been elected to three General Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Carole is presently serving as District Superintendent of the New Orleans District.

PERSONNEL

Rev. Helena Wright-Butler, B.A., M.Div. is a native of New Orleans, LA where she resides with her husband, Rev. Samuel E. Butler, Sr. Mother of six children, grandmother of 22, great--grandmother of 7. She received her early childhood education at Peoples Community Center, and is a graduate of Southern University at New Orleans and Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Wright-Butler is a former public school teacher, presently an Elder in the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference, and Pastor of Philip's Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans. With humility and distinction, she has served and is serving on many civic, community, and religious boards, commissions and committees where she has been cited for outstanding contributions to humanity. She is committed to promoting peace and justice and working together building a community of disciples for the kingdom of God. She will give the opening devotion for the Annual Meeting.

Marilyn Ray is a resident of New Orleans, LA, an alumnus of Southern University (Baton Rouge), the University of Wisconsin (Madison), and the University of Oklahoma. She is currently a Professor of Education at Southern University at New Orleans. She has served as local UMW President, Vice President, and Coordinator for Global Concerns, New Orleans-Slidell District Secretary and President, New Orleans District Director of Public Relations and Publicity, and Conference Chairperson for Membership. She has been actively involved as a Mission Study Teacher and UMW Sunday Speaker in a number of districts. Marilyn's leisure time is spent in Philately, Reading, and Travel. She also collects frogs in all configurations. She is the mother of one son. Marilyn will conduct the service lighting the Mission Candle.

Amy Ward is a native New Orleanian. She and her husband Truman have been active members of St. Luke's since 1953 where she has served in many areas including Lay Leader, Administrative Board Chair and currently Chair of Evangelism Committee.

Other areas of service include: Past President of Conference and District United Methodist Women, Dean of the Conference School of Christian Mission, Chair of the Conference Council on Ministries, Director on the General Board of Global Ministries, 1980-88, Director on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 1988-96. She has been a delegate to four General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Amy is presently Financial officer for the Conference Board of Church Extension, Chairs the District Board of Church Location and Building and Church Extension and is a member of the Board of Lafon Nursing Home.

Amy will lead the service honoring the retiring conference officers.

Lynn Foil was born in New Orleans and later moved to Metairie, Louisiana. She is married to Mason Foil. They have four girls, five grandchildren. Three daughters who are active in the United Methodist Women. Lynn attended National Officers Training Event. She is a certified Lay Speaker and is a member of Metairie United Methodist Church. Lynn has held offices on the local, district, and conference levels. She has served as study leader in the Louisiana Conference School of Christian of Mission. She has spoken and taught in seven of the nine districts, local and district events. She has given her service to the work of Women for over 45 years, working with the WSG, WSCS, and now the U.M.W. Her hobbies are cookbooks and doll collections, writing poetry and parodies. Lynn will install the newly elected officers.

ELECTION

Committee on Nominations

THE WOMEN'S DIVISON has given us some new guidelines concerning nominations from the floor. The Conference Committee on Nominations has asked the Standing Rules Committee to consider adding the following statement to our present Conference Standing Rules:

When nominations from the floor occur, the election must be postponed until later in the meeting to allow time for the Committee on Nominations to confer with the nominee. Elections for other offices can proceed or be postponed until all offices are voted on. It is the responsibility of the Committee on Nominations to verify the tenure eligibility of the nominee. The election should not proceed until this is done and the job description has been reviewed with the nominee. If the nominee is not present, the committee should verify that this has been done.

Your Conference Committee on Nominations has met and prayerfully considered each office and submits the following list of nominees for officers:

Re-election for two years 1998-1999:

Program Resources - Gwen Streams
753 St. Charles Street
Thibodaux, LA 70301

Communications - Rita Parham
824 Europe Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70807-6013

Election for a two year term - 1998-1999:

President - Elouise Sanders
17285 Highway 9
Arcadia, LA 71001

Secretary - Carolyn Colvin
4727 Gilbert Drive
Shreveport, LA 71106

Education and Interpretation - Frances Patton
407 Gregory Street
Vidalia, LA 71373-4072

Membership Nurture and Outreach - Brenda J. Canty
3509 North 38th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Committee on Nominations - Members Class of 2001:

Fannie Reddix
1330 Cambronne Street - New Orleans, LA 70118

Alice Irving
9466 Redwood Drive - Baton Rouge, LA 70814

Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee:

District President - June Sanchez - 1997-1998

Executive Committee Representative - Gwen Streams
1997-98-99

Others: Jeroldean Dommert - 1998-2000
Rita Parham - 1998-2000

The following officers have unexpired terms and will continue to serve during the year 1998:

Vice President - Hilda Sills
Treasurer - Evelyn Evans
Spiritual Growth - Annette Fortuna
Social Action - Muriel Miller

Committee on Nominations members;

Class of 1998: Joyce Hazel
Ethel Lilly
Norma Winegeart

Class of 1999: Eloise Cox
Rosalie Pryor

Class of 2000: Betty Tripp
Gail Epperson

Respectively Submitted:
Norma S. Winegeart, Chairperson
Committee on Nominations

Looking Toward the Quadrennial

"Leading the Way in God's Mission"

The South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group invites you to

The United Methodist Women Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting
March 17 -19, 2000
Tulsa, Oklahoma

We want you to be among the 1000 who will attend in the year 2000. Can we count you in?

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SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION UMW CORE PLANNING GROUP ANNOUNCES A

LOGO CONTEST

FOR THE SCJ QUADRENNIAL MEETING
MARCH 17-19, 2000
TULSA, OKLAHOMA
THEME:
"LEADING THE WAY IN GOD'S MISSION"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)
"Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him."

GUIDELINES

1. Submit the design in black and white on 8 1/2 by 11 paper. It may be a clear copy or the original artwork.
2. The design should have clearly defined lines for simplicity, without "busyness."
3. The logo should be **reproducible, enlargeable and reducible** for use as the cover of the program book, backdrop, tote bags, banners, name tags, flyers, etc.
4. The theme of the meeting should appear on the logo. The theme is: *Leading the Way in God's Mission.*
5. The deadline for submitting the logo is **August 31, 1997**. Conferences are not limited to the number of logos to submit for consideration. Artwork will be returned to conference presidents for distribution within their conferences.
6. Please indicate the artist's name, address, telephone number and name of conference on the back of the artwork. A brief explanation of the design may also be placed on the back or attached to it. The explanation should be no more than a half page, double spaced.

Submit designs by AUGUST 31, 1997 to:

Anne U. Todd, Vice President and Chair of the Quadrennial Mtg. Planning Committee South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group. 7010 S. Jan Mar Dr - Dallas, TX 75230

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
ANNUAL MEETING
September 19-20, 1997
Dillard University
2601 Gentilly Boulevard --- New Orleans, LA 70122
(504) 286-4640

Send Registration to: Evelyn Evans
100 St. Clair
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Make check payable to:
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE UMW
Pre-registration fee: $5.00
On-site Registration fee: $10.00

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE: _____

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Conference Office - Specify _____
- ☐ Conference Executive Committee
- ☐ District Office - Specify _____
- ☐ Local Unit Member ☐ Voting Delegate
- ☐ Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
- ☐ Guest ☐ Banquet ($15.00)
- ☐ Bus $15.00 (to and from Dillard Univ. Fri-Sat)
  (No on-site bus registration)

Meals: ☐ Friday Lunch ☐ Sat. Breakfast ☐ Sat. Lunch

CHURCH _____

CITY _____ DISTRICT _____

Number in Local Unit ____

Where will you be staying during the meeting? _____

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Will child care be needed? ____ Ages of children _____

NOTE: registration fee includes cost of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of expense of the meeting. (Include money for banquet and bus)

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION
AUGUST 30, 1997

THE 1997
COST OF MISSION SUPPORT:

1 Second	$ .63
1 Minute	$ 37.78
5 Minutes	$ 188.91
1 Hour	$ 2,266.94

The lighting of the MISSION CANDLE will again be a significant part of our Conference Annual Meeting at Dillard University, New Orleans. The MISSION CANDLE was first burned at the 1979 Conference Annual Meeting as a Centennial Celebration of women organized for mission. Today units and individuals honor those women who represent our past, present and future as women committed to a worldwide program of mission outreach.

Gifts may be given IN MEMORY or IN HONOR of persons whose names will be inscribed (by district) in a CONFERENCE MISSION BOOK displayed near the candle. Each district will take its list of names to display at District Annual Meetings in October. PLEASE NOTE that the person or unit giving the gift is responsible for notifying the honorees and/or families of those memorialized.

The MISSION CANDLE will burn for the exact length of time our total gifts will support mission through Women's Division. When these funds would be used up, the candle will be extinguished. OUR GOAL is to burn the candle throughout the Conference Annual Meeting. This goal can be realized if every local unit gives 1 minute or more for the MISSION CANDLE. There is no minimum or maximum gift requirement. All monies are incorporated into each District's PLEDGE TO MISSION.

Please use this form to list names, indicating in which section each name is to be inscribed. Send the form(s) with gift(s) to your District Treasurer by September 5th. Check must accompany form.

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT. If more space is needed, please attach additional sheet(s). DO NOT write on back.)

Person submitting form _____

From Church: _____ District _____

City _____ Phone ( ) _____

Given by:	In HONOR of:	Circle one (1)
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_____	_____	Present Future

Given by:	In MEMORY of:	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:
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A Look Back At Retreat, 1997

The Louisiana Conference Center was the beautiful setting for the 1997 Louisiana Conference UMW Retreat, Friday, February 28 - Sunday, March 2, 1997.

This was the 10th conference retreat and will be best remembered for its location, the new Louisiana Conference United Methodist Center for Spiritual Renewal, which served its purpose in excellent form for the 170 plus participants. The 634 acres, beautifully furnished dormitories, excellent dining facilities and service personnel offered the perfect setting to relax and be at ease for spiritual renewal.

The retreat task group under the leadership of Doris B. Brown, Women's Division Director, and Assistant Betty Pope, President of Baton Rouge District UMW, along with Gwen Streams, Mary Quinones, Evelyn Evans, Hilda Sills, Lois Heath, Pat Cobb, and retreat nursing staff, Lana Lathan and Anita Hansberry made a great team.

Rev. Leslie Nichols Akin, served as retreat leader, led the retreat participants through a beautiful discovery process by expanding the theme "Christian Women: Living as Sisters" to an artistic theme, "Sisters: Strokes, Spills and Splashes", based on Ruth 1:16. The theme gave the inspiration for painting a picture of sisterhood.

The participants were greeted at registration with a colorful display of silver paint cans pouring colorful sheets of color onto a canvas with paint brushes. This gave clear indication of the exciting experience to come. After a lovely dinner the retreat began.

Special music was directed by the newly wed musical team, Larry and Yvette E. Pearson Weatherton along with their drummer and brother, Travis Pearson. The Weathertons are a talented team, Larry serves as Minister of Music at High Time Evangelistic Center in Baker, Louisiana and Yvette was waiting release of her contemporary Christian album entitled "Heavenbound." Participants enjoyed an extra special bonus, the UMW Retreat Choir's Saturday evening concert. Yvette provided a special treat with her testimony and original music.

On Sunday we ended with sister group presentations - there was mime, music, cheers and acrostic. Each group presented their own unique and creative renditions of sisterhood. A final artistic rendering of sisterhood was done by Jan Cass, Retreat Artist.

As each group made their presentation, they presented art created by their group. Jan Cass arranged each piece to form the shape of a cross against a background of "Strokes" "Splashes" and "Spills". Communion was celebrated and we departed, spiritually, out into the world to serve.

Rita Parham

Coming Events

October 4: Special Session, LA Annual Conference
at Louisiana College, Pineville

1997 District Annual Meetings

Acadiana	October 4	Sager Brown, Baldwin
Alexandria	October 11	First UMC, Marksville
Baton Rouge	November 8	Evangeline UMC, Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	November 1	Oakdale UMC, Oakdale
Monroe	October 11	First UMC, Bastrop
New Orleans	October 11	Aurora UMC, Algiers
North Shore	October 11	First UMC, Hammond
Ruston	October 5	Arcadia UMC, Arcadia
Shreveport	October 12	Broadmoor UMC, Shreveport

October 25	District Elected Leaders' Training (DELT), LA Conference Center
November 21-23	Leadership Development Event, Chicago, IL

1998

January 25	UMW Sunday
April 12	EASTER
May 14-17	UMW Assembly, Orlando, FL
June 19-23	West Gulf Regional School

Looking Ahead to the Assembly

"Make Plain the Vision"

Habakkuk 2:2

Visions of Hope, Joy, Prayer and Community, come celebrate the mission of United Methodist Women

Assembly, 1998, 8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 14
to Noon, Sunday, May 17, 1998
Orlando, Florida

Four years have passed very quickly since we last gathered in Cincinnati, OH for the 1994 Assembly UMW. It is now time to gather and review the work of United Methodist Women in Mission during the last four years.

The Louisiana Conference UMW room block is located at the Best Western Plaza, International Drive (#1 on the map).

Registration information is available on request from:
Assembly Business Office
7820 Reading Road, Caller No. 1800
Cincinnati, OH 45222-1800
(513) 821-5896

The Assembly Offering will support programs that help women move from dependence to independence.

Coming issues of Response will carry Assembly news.

Conference Treasurer's Report 1st and 2nd Quaters 1997

As we celebrate 25 years as United Methodist Women, we celebrate your commitment to MISSION and MINISTRY with women, children, and youth as reflected in your giving these first two quarters.

The figures are:	$110,266.54
Pledge to Mission	6,114.00
Special Mission Recognition	3,340.81
Gifts to Mission (Cards)	1,933.00
Gifts in Memory	6,087.64
World Thank Offering	$127,741.99
for a total of	

This is slightly below the level of giving needed at this half-way point. Our Conference Pledge to Missions is $260,000. I am confident, however, that working together we can reach this goal. So keep those Special Mission Recognition pin orders coming. GET YOUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY PINS NOW! These limited edition silver pins will not be available after December 31.

Don't forget to celebrate October with the World Thank Offering. Your copy of the sheets for use in the observance is in this newsletter. Participation in this offering will also help your unit qualify for recognition as a "FIVE-STAR" unit.

I thank our Lord for each of you and your commitment to UMW!

Evelyn Evans
Conference Treasurer

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New Year! New Officers!

Our new Conference President is Elouise Sanders, a member of Mt. Mariah U.M.C. where she serves as Treasurer and Sunday School teacher. She is also a member of the Arcadia U.M.W. having served there as President and Vice-President of the local unit. Elouise has served as President and Vice-President of the Ruston District U.M.W. and on the Conference Nominating Committee. She is a retired teacher having taught social studies for 33 years. Her B.A. and Masters degrees were received from Northwestern State University. Elouise is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Webster Parish and Louisiana Retired Teachers Association, Arcadia Literature Club and Mt. Mariah Garden and Crafts Club.

Elouise Sanders

Brenda Canty is our new Co-ordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach. She is a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. Brenda received two Bachelor of Science degrees and a Masters in Vocational Education from Southern University, as well as 30 hours above the Masters. Brenda serves as a teacher-coordinator of Cooperative Home Economics at Belaire High School. She has worked on several writing teams setting up programs, been named 1987 Teacher of the Year and was the Essay Winner for the South Central Jurisdiction, winning a trip to the 1974 Assembly. Brenda is very active in her church and has held many offices there including President of U.M.W. She has also served as a District officer and is very active in professional organizations as well as civic and social ones.

Brenda Canty

Serving as our new Conference Secretary is Carolyn Colvin, a native of Hope, Arkansas. She is married to John Colvin and they are the parents of two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren. She received her B.S. degree from Texas Woman's University and further education from Centenary College and LSUS. She has worked as a chemist, math teacher and bookkeeper. Carolyn has served on the local, district and conference level of the U.M.W. and has held many positions in the church also. She has just completed four years as President of the Shreveport District U.M.W. Because of her many hours of volunteer work in several groups, Carolyn has been named both the District and Conference Woman in Mission. Her hobbies include reading, painting, sewing, cooking, travel, music, bridge and many others.

Carolyn Colvin

Frances Patton

Frances Patton, our new Co-ordinator for Education and Interpretation, was born in Hugo, Oklahoma and attended Southeastern College at Durant, OK. She was married to John R. Patton and they were the parents of 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Frances is a member of Vidalia U.M.C. For 34 years she worked for Sears in Natchez, MS. Frances retired in 1991 and has been more active in District and Conference events of U.M.W. since then. She has served her church as Treasurer and Sunday School teacher, has been President of her local U.M.W. and a District officer for three years. Frances is a volunteer at Natchez Regional Medical Center and has been a delegate to Annual Conference for five years. Her hobbies include, reading, gardening and crocheting.

What a difference a year makes! In January of 1997, I would never have dreamed that in January of 1998, I would be serving as Conference President of United Methodist Women. After teaching school for thirty-three years and being retired for fifteen years with fewer responsibilities, I thought life would not present so many challenges. Then I realized that God challenges us and offers opportunities for commitment and service when we least expect them.

I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve as your Conference President. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee and the local units.

The Leadership Training Event in Chicago was a great learning experience. The training sessions for Conference Presidents were informative, enlightening and challenging. The worship experiences were outstanding. The speakers inspired and encouraged each person to deepen their commitment to United Methodist Women.

Seventy-three persons from Louisiana are registered for ASSEMBLY in Orlando, Florida, May 14-17. January 20, 1998 is the deadline for registration in the block of rooms reserved for the Louisiana delegation.

Best wishes for a blessed New Year.

Elouise Sanders
Conference President

"Greetings for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Last year was a blessed one. Thanks be unto God for the many blessings that enabled me to chair the Annual Meeting. It was quite a success. Dianna Master was great and her messages were most uplifting as she gave us her personal witness of Thy Word being a lamp in her life.

The banquet was a success and the program participants will be long remembered. Dillard University Quartet under the direction of Dr. Carmen Davenport, the Cornerstone Trio from Cornerstone United Methodist Church under the direction of Simmie Belonga, and the young people in the Bell Choir of Kenner United Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Gloria Hauck performed superbly. So many of you made it possible for the Annual Meeting to be a success. The Committees and the Task Force were very productive. Lottie Palazzo was an excellent Co-chairperson. She worked untiringly.

We would like to thank the President of Dillard University, Dr. Michael Lomax, Nick Harris and staff and students for their assistance and courtesy shown to our visitors and members at our annual meeting. A final thanks goes to our jurisdiction representative, Joyce Elaine Fish.

Again, have a Blessed New Year and may God's grace continue to shine upon each of you."

Yours in Christ, Hilda D. Sills
Conference Vice-President

I am writing this in the special time between Christmas and New Year's Day, a time of reflection. I am far too new in this job to have much of a message for you about it; so I will share with you some of my thoughts as I begin a new "career".

I have joked that I was always made president or vice president because I could not do anything, and now it looks as if I am going to have to learn a "trade". Women's Division certainly provided an opportunity for me to learn a lot about the duties and methods of a secretary. It is with a very familiar feeling of "Can I Do It" that I approach this new venture. So I covet your prayers and patience.

United Methodist Women have been the source of much of my education and companionship for several years. I have learned at training sessions, Schools of Mission, studies and from that best of teachers, Experience. I invite each of you to consider stretching yourself by taking some job that you feel you may not be able to do. Our amazing God provides.

My wish and prayer for our Conference, each district, and each local unit is that we continue to live up to our PURPOSE and that we grow in numbers to include more women in our "creative fellowship".

Carolyn Colvin
Conference Secretary

COMMITTEE on NOMINATIONS

The Conference UMW Committee on Nominations will meet on March 21, 1998 at the Conference Center to select nominees for the year 1999. There will be a limited number of offices to fill, but it is always good to have talent bank sheets from which to choose.

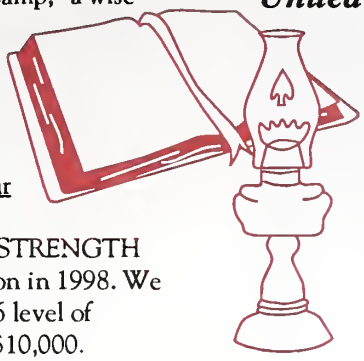
If you have recommendations to make, for yourself or for someone else, please send the information to:

Norma S. Winegeart, Chair
254 Forest Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71104-4507

Members of the Committee are:

Joyce Hazel
Ethel Lilly
Eloise Cox
Rosalie Pryor
Betty Tripp
Gail Epperson
Fannie Reddix
Alice Irving
Norma Winegeart

In keeping with our theme, "Thy Word Is A Lamp," a wise Hebrew proverb says "The soul of a man is the lamp of God." We are weak and miserable animals until the light of God burns in our souls. But when that light burns...we become the most powerful beings in the world. Nor can this be otherwise, for what then acts in us is no longer our strength but the strength of God." (Leo Tolstoy)



I say this because it is going to take STRENGTH OF PURPOSE for us to meet our Pledge to Mission in 1998. We failed to do so in 1997. We did maintain our 1996 level of giving, but we had increased our pledge by some $10,000. Complete financial data will soon be available in the Conference Directory or from your District Treasurer.

So let us build on the strength of our Lord Jesus Christ and seek to be His light in the world of mission. I look forward to working with you to a successful conclusion.

Evelyn Evans
Conference Treasurer

As the newly elected Conference Mission Co-ordinator for Education and Interpretation, I was privileged, along with hundreds of other women, to attend the Leadership Training Event at Chicago in November. The Event has two purposes: (1) to emphasize the biblical and theological basis of the Purpose and (2) to provide training in the basic job responsibilities of Conference elected leaders of United Methodist Women.

It was a great experience to interact with other women from all around the country; to know what they are doing and plan to do; and to realize that we as United Methodist Women are very like-minded. I may not have learned much about specific things to do in my job, but after reading all the pounds of literature and handouts, I should know what my responsibilities are. It seems that they are much the same as district and local Mission Co-ordinators for Education and Interpretation: Promote the Reading Program including Response and World Outlook, using the Prayer Calendar, the Mission Studies, and Undesignated Giving. All of these are ways to fulfill our Purpose.

I want to encourage District Mission Co-ordinators for Education and Interpretation to communicate with and get to know each unit in your district, and to visit as many units as possible. The action is in the local unit. Urge each unit to participate in the Reading Program, use the Prayer Calendar at each meeting, do the Mission Studies and report them, and be a Five-Star Giver.

The longer I am a United Methodist Woman the more I appreciate the sound biblical and theological basis of our Purpose. Could it be stated better?

"The Purpose of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the Global Ministries of the Church."

Frances Patton

United Methodist Women celebrate UMW Sunday

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will celebrate UMW Sunday, traditionally on Sunday, January 25, 1998, and a variety of Sundays throughout Louisiana Conference during the first quarter of the year. The 1998 theme, "Thy Word is a Lamp," is an invitation to membership in a vital and energetic organization of women whose main interest is in the betterment of life and opportunities for women, children and youth.

The organization of UMW has been in existence for over 100 years. Today, there are one million plus members in over 25,000 local units in the United States.

In Louisiana UMW Sunday is a unique celebration made special with the purchase and wearing of UMW Ribbons. Ribbons can be purchased by contacting the District UMW Treasurer. The UMW Ribbon, embossed with logo and theme, are collectors items, and an invitation to membership. New members are welcomed to join their local church unit, charge group, or to become a district member.

Membership in United Methodist Women offers participation in and with a unique community of women focused on world-wide mission for women and children, and encourages the development and use of leadership skills. The national membership campaign goal is to recruit one million women during the six-year campaign, 1996-2002. **"The National theme, 'Yes! Count me in,' challenges members to share their enthusiasm for our organization's local and world-wide work with women, children and youth," said Brenda Canty, Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women, Mission Coordinator of Membership Nurture and Outreach.** Louisiana will concentrate special emphasis on teen women, college/university women, young women, newly retired women and women of various racial, cultural and language groups.

May God's word light the path for you to become a member of an organization grounded in historic mission work. Make 1998 the year you become a member of United Methodist Women.

Rita Parham
Communications Coordinator

Dulac Community Center has been approved for a grant of $4,460 from the 'Hope and Wholeness for Children and Youth' emphasis of the past quadrennium. The money will be used for the Indian Education Enrichment Program. This project contains two components for children 8 to 18 years of age. One, computer classes include classes for producing a local newspaper and a web site. Two, an expansion of the Native American Dance Group will provide classes in traditional crafts (bead and leather work, boat making, wood carving, basket weaving, sewing traditional dress and storytelling) to enrich children's understanding of their heritage.

SOCIAL ACTION

Muriel Miller, LA Conference UMW Coordinator

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The New Year has ushered in new opportunities of service as well as challenges for thoughtful activity. I have received several communications from the Women's Division which require various kinds of action on the District and Local levels.

During the month of June our churches will observe Peace with Justice Week. The theme will be "Loving Your Neighbor: Living With Your Neighbor." The scripture lesson will be Luke 10:25-37. Peace with Justice Week is celebrating fifteen years of congregations and communities taking time out to recommit to the struggle for justice, at home and all around the world. Strength comes from working together for peace. The PWJW packet may be ordered from: PWJW, Office for World Community, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 670, New York, NY 10115-0050. There will be an essay contest for the youth of the LA UMC in grades 9-12 with each District Winner receiving a certificate and $100.00 cash prize. The contest is sponsored by the LA Bd. of Church & Society. Further details will be listed in your Conference Newspaper. Urge your youth to participate.

The Women's Division met in October and made the following recommendation: That the Women's Division support the US Campaign to Ban Landmines' cross-country bus tour, by urging local members to participate in events at tour stops. In order to continue pressure on the Clinton Administration, and to show the strength of public support to the total ban treaty, the US Campaign organized a cross-country bus tour. The team did not visit Louisiana; however, our UMW women should continue to write or call Washington.

Another issue of importance is the fact that two bills are pending in the US Congress on the issue of child labor: (1) Child Labor Free Consumer Information Act of 1997--S. 554 and HR 1301. Lead Sponsors: Senator Tom Harkin and Rep. George Miller. (2) Child Labor Deterrence Act--S 332 and HR 1328. Lead Sponsors: Sen. Tom Harkin and Rep. Barney Frank. ACTION: Contact your legislators to ask that they become co-sponsors of these bills.

A petition will be circulated at a later date urging the President and the Congress to lift human rights standards around the world and to end sweatshop abuses. Working together, people will be asked to sign the petition calling for an end to child labor and sweatshops.

In the Nov. UMW Mission Update published by the Women's Division, "the directors voted that the Women's Division would begin to model environmental responsibility with respect to dioxin contamination. To do this, the Division will use chlorine-free paper for all its copying and publishing needs; switch to chlorine-free products wherever possible in all its offices and facilities; and encourage UMW and the rest of the GBGM to do likewise. Dioxin has been linked to a variety of reproductive cancers, including breast cancer. The pulp and paper industry is one of three major sources of dioxin in the US."

"Make Plain The Vision"

(Habakkuk 2:2)

VISIONS OF HOPE, JOY, PRAYER AND COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE MISSION OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

AT

Assembly, 1998

Place:

Orlando, Florida

Orlando, Orange County Convention Center

Time & Date:

8:00 P.M., Thursday, May 14 to
Noon, Sunday, May 17, 1998

Act now to be assured of participation in that community gathered for fellowship and inspiration.

Contact your Conference President or write the Assembly Business Office for registration information.

Assembly Business Office
7820 Reading Road - Caller No. 1800
Cincinnati, Ohio 45222-1800
(513) 821-5896

Coming issues of RESPONSE will carry Assembly news.

ASSEMBLY OFFERING

"Make Plain the Vision By Empowering Women"

The 1998 Assembly offering is being dedicated to support programs that help women become independent. Your local unit can participate by making a monetary gift to the offering through your district treasurer. Monies collected will be presented by your Conference Treasurer during the opening plenary of Assembly, May 14.

Remember that empowering women also empowers children and families. Women's Division will distribute the funds - eighty percent to projects in the U.S. and twenty percent to projects in other countries. Projects will aid in education, job training and economic stability for women and families.

Help other women realize their vision by making a contribution today. For further information you can contact your Conference Treasurer or read Response magazine.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN 1996-2002

The Women's Division has launched a six-year United Methodist Women Membership Campaign. The theme for the campaign is Yes! Count Me In!

The purpose of the campaign is to recruit for, maintain and sustain the organization of United Methodist Women, and to generate new enthusiasm for full participation in mission with women, children and youth.

These are the goals:

1. To challenge each local church to organize a unit of UMW where there is none.
2. To increase the membership of each District by 10% each year by giving emphasis to:
   a. Teen women (ages 13-19);
   b. College/university women;
   c. young women;
   d. newly-retired women;
   e. women of various racial, cultural and language groups.
3. To nurture and expand all members' understanding of mission with women, children and youth.
4. To reduce barriers for participation for current and potential members within the organization of UMW.

We encourage each district to develop objectives and strategies to accomplish these goals. We are counting on you to make this Membership Campaign a success. All this information and more can be found in the Membership Campaign Packet from Service Center for the cost of $3.95, Stock #2600.

Our official Membership Sunday is observed January 25, 1998. Please plan some type of program or activity so that we can continue to tell the story of United Methodist Women.

Brenda J. Canty

Greetings in the name of the Lord and blessings upon you as we begin serving our Lord in 1998. I am glad January 1st rolls around each year because it gives me the opportunity to clean out my closets, dust my baseboards, reorganize my junk drawers, and throw away all that "stuff" that piles up around my house all year long! As I get things tidy around my house, I am gently reminded by the Spirit that I need to do a little "tidying up" in my spiritual house as well. How about you? Is there a grudge or an unforgiveness or an attitude that needs to be cleaned out of your closet? Psalms 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." This is a verse that I need to pray daily. To dust my baseboards takes me real effort. I have to move furniture, get on my knees, get in places I don't visit often. How about you? Is God urging you to get on your knees about a certain situation in your life? You've tried everything else; maybe prayer is what you need to do! Thessalonians 5:17 & 18 says, "Pray without ceasing, and in every circumstance give thanks." Giving thanks in some circumstances in my life is just about as easy as moving the piano in my living room to dust the baseboards behind it, but once it is done, I do feel so much better! Now to the junk drawers and the "stuff" that has piled up. If your schedule is like mine, you wonder how in the world you have time to eat and sleep. I have made a promise to myself and to God that I am going to seek divine guidance before I say "yes" to everything I am asked to do. How about you? Is everything on your schedule absolutely necessary? Is there something that you do that maybe, just maybe someone else could be doing, and maybe do an even better job than you do? Time and time again in the scriptures we read about Jesus going off for some quiet time and renewal time with his heavenly Father. Is there some "stuff" in your schedule that you could throw away that would allow you some sacred moments with the Savior? I do hope that you plan to attend your District Spiritual Retreat and you are also making plans for Call to Prayer and a retreat for your local unit. It is my prayer that in 1998 the United Methodist Women of the Louisiana Conference will have the cleanest closets, the shiniest baseboards, and the most organized junk drawers ever! Happy cleaning!

Annette Fortuna
Spiritual Growth Coordinator

PRAYER

Lord, don't give me rest,
Give me tasks to do, O Lord, big ones, long ones,
time consuming ones, challenging ones.
Give me jobs that look all but impossible.
Give me assignments that others don't think I can handle.
Give me projects that I cannot finish in a day
but must set aside at evening and sleep on
and anticipate.
All this give me, Lord, instead of rest,
Because I want to learn, to grow, to be a value,
to accomplish, to have purpose, and
to anticipate all my tomorrows. Amen.

-SCJ Core Planning Group

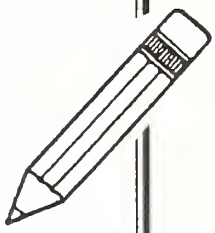
Contributed by Muriel Miller

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
School of Christian Mission
and

Third Annual
Children's School of Christian Mission

Theme
"God's Word; Changing Life at the Crossroads"

Wednesday, July 15
- Saturday, July 18, 1998
Centenary College
Shreveport, Louisiana



Emily McCoy, 1998 Dean
Pat Cobb, 1998 Assistant Dean

School bells will ring for the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's School of Christian Mission and Third Annual Children's School of Christian Mission, Wednesday - Saturday, July 15-18, 1998.

This is an excellent education for mission opportunity and a thumb's up experience for young boys and girls, age 7-14 years old.

The 1998 studies are:
Spiritual Growth: The Bible, part 1
Geographical Study: Indonesia
General Issue Study: Refugees and Global Migration

The 1998 children's study will be Indonesia, Jacqueline Campbell will be the 1998 Children's School Instructor.

The Children's SCM is growing in popularity around the Louisiana Conference as a source of summer Christian education for mission, fun, and friends. Come, enjoy four days on the beautiful Centenary College campus and learn about mission around the world.

Scholarships will be available. More detailed information will appear in the Louisiana Methodist Review, The Networker and the Conference UMW Newsletter.

Coming Events

January 25	U.M.W. Sunday
February 13 & 14	Mid-Year Meeting Conference Center
March 21	Finance & Nominating Committees Conference Center
May 14-17	Assembly Orlando, Florida
June 8-11	LA Annual Conference Centenary College, Shreveport
July 15-18	School of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport
September 18 & 19	Conference Annual Meeting Trinity U.M.C., Ruston

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God's Word: Changing Life at the Crossroads

Martl Templeton

Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission Centenary College

Shreveport, LA • July 15-18, 1998

The Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to be preached and witnessed throughout the earth and is received in differing ways by people living in completely different circumstances. The Gospel according to John emphasizes:

> *In the beginning was the Word and that Word was with God, and theWord was God.*
> *As in Jeremiah, thus says the Lord:*
> *Stand at the Crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But many said 'we will not walk in it.'*
> *We must not neglect to show love for those who live a life different from many.*

In the drawing, Christ is depicted as the 'Living Word' giving direction at the crossroads of our lives. The scriptures from 'God's Word' inscribed on the road sign are those chosen for the three studies offered.

The Conference Committee for the 1998 School of Christian Mission is making plans for this year's school, and we hope that you are making plans to join us this year at Centenary College on July 15-18.

This will be an opportunity to learn about the total program of the United Methodist Women. Pat and I look forward to seeing you at Centenary in July. We would like to have a representative from each unit. Remember, 'God's Word: Changing Life at the Crossroads', as we go forth to participate in God's mission.

Emily O. McCoy
Dean

Pat Cobb
Asst. Dean

Spring officially arrived on March 20th and the signs of Spring are abundant. The flowers are blooming, the trees are budding, and the birds are singing. The world is alive with springtime activities.

Now is the time to spring into action for United Methodist Women activities. District retreats are being planned or have already been held. Over one hundred United Methodist Women from the Louisiana Conference are registered to attend Assembly in Orlando, FL in May.

The main event for the summer will be School of Christian Mission. Emily McCoy, Dean and Pat Cobb, Assistant Dean have been at work planning for this outstanding event. All the information concerning School of Christian Mission is found in this Newsletter. Make your plans to attend now. Come and join your UMW sisters for a few days of worship and study. I look forward to seeing you in July.

Elouise Sanders
Conference President

FUN NIGHT
New and Unique Mission Fun!

The 1998 Fun Night will be a Book Parade and Evening Soiree', Thursday, July 16, 1998. The Book Parade is a first of its kind activity that will highlight the Reading Program. No one knows how to do a parade like the people of Louisiana. The Bible tells us about celebrations, festivals, traditions, and one of the greatest parades on Palm Sunday.

Louisiana took note, with annual parades celebrating wonderful Louisiana traditions, festivals, religious holidays and celebrations of all kinds. Louisiana Conference UMW will do no less than the best parade ever. Our parade will have throws, cheerleaders, bands and car floats. Then we will all gather and have a good old Evening Soiree'. The Evening Soiree' will feature books from the 1993-1998 Reading Programs and everybody there will pass a good time. Please join us. It is going to be a great time to gather and have a Fun Night.

Rita M. Parham
Louisiana Conference U.M.W.
Communications Coordinator

The Learning Center

The Learning Center will be an exciting compliment to the Christian mission education experience. The district displays will highlight the 1998-99 studies. The learning center displays will be interactive and offer hands on learning.

Display Set Up & Take Down

The Learning Center will be located in Kilpatrick Auditorium. A table will be provided for each district. Please bring extension cords, table covering and backdrops needed for your display. Displays are to be set up and in place, ready for viewing by 9:00 am Wednesday, July 15, 1998 during registration and taken down no later than 6:00 pm on Friday, July 17, 1998.

Mission Education Opportunities
Each district sponsors a Mini School of Christian Mission to introduce the studies locally.
Schedule of District Mini Schools:

Saturday, August 8, 1998

Baton Rouge District 9am-2pm., Hughes UMC,
802 North 38th Street, Baton Rouge, LA
(225) 383-4351
Geraldine Harris, Dean; Veargnee Garner, Asst. Dean

New Orleans District 9am-1pm., Thomas UMC,
420 Webster Street, Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-2147
Mary Panter, Dean; Sybil Boseman, Asst. Dean

Saturday, August 15, 1998

Monroe District 9:30am-1pm., First UMC-Monroe,
3900 Loop Road, Monroe, LA 71201
(318) 325-7335
Sandy DeCelle, Dean

Ruston District 9am-2pm., Shongaloo UMC,
Hwy. 159, Haynesville, LA
(318) 624-0516
Maxie Garrett, Dean; Carole Fowler, Asst. Dean

Saturday, August 22, 1998

Acadiana District 9:30am-12:30pm., Sager-Brown Center,
101 Sager-Brown Road, Baldwin, LA 70514
(318) 923-6238; (800) 814-8765
Alva Charatain, Dean

North Shore District 9am-2pm., St. Timnothy UMC,
335 Hwy. 3228, Mandeville, LA 70471
(504) 626-3307
Josephine Onofry, Dean; Tillie Shows, Asst. Dean

Shreveport District 9am-2pm., N. Highlands UMC,
835 Polemand Rd., Shreveport, LA 71107
(318) 221-4716
Yvonne Young, Dean

Sunday, August 23, 1998

Lake Charles District 2:30pm-5pm., Squires UMC,
Hwy. 171 North, Ragley, LA 70657
(318) 725-6146
Mary Alice Trent, Dean; Jeroldean Dommert, Asst. Dean

The Learning Center Assignments are:

Acadiana The Bible, Part 1 - History of the Bible
Alexandria The Bible, Part 1
- Bibles from Round the World
Baton Rouge
Indonesia - The Children's Study
Lake Charles Refugees and Global Migration
- Reading Resources 1993-1998
Monroe Refugees and Global Migration
- Immigration and Naturalization - Social Issues
New Orleans
Indonesia - Focus on Women
North Shore Refugees and Global Migration
- Focus on Women, Children & Youth Refugees
Ruston
The Bible, Part 1 - Bible Study on the Internet
Shreveport
Indonesia - People, Culture and Celebration

School of Christian Mission
SCHEDULE 1998

Wednesday, July 15

9:00-12:00	Registration - James Dormitory Learning Center in Kilpatrick Auditorium Resource Room (Site TBA)
12:00-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:00	First Timers Meeting
1:00-1:15	UMW Sings
1:15-2:15	Gathering for All (Recognition of First Timers, Estelle Dameron Scholarship Recipients, Children)
2:30-3:30	CLASS: "Indonesia" or "Refugees and Global Migration"
3:45-4:45	BIBLE STUDY: "Origins and Formation"
4:45-5:30	Free Time: Program Resources, Learning Center, etc.
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	UMW Sings
6:45-7:45	UMW Focus

Thursday, July 16

6:45-7:00	Morning Praise - Hargrove Memorial Amphitheater
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:15-8:45	Worship & Gathering for All
9:00-12:00	CLASS: "Indonesia" or "Refugees"
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-2:00	Free Time: Program Resources, Learning Center, etc.
2:00-5:00	BIBLE STUDY
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	UMW Sings
6:45-7:15	UMW Focus
7:30-9:00	Fun Night Activity - "Book Parade & Evening Soiree
9:15 till	"Red Eye Theater" Audiovisuals - Kilpatrick Auditorium

Friday, July 17

6:45-7:00	Morning Praise - Hargrove Memorial Amphitheater
7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:15-8:45	Worship & Gathering for All
9:00-12:00	BIBLE STUDY
12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:45-1:45	Workshop for those planning to lead studies (Adults and Children)
1:00-2:00	Free Time: Program Resources, Learning Center, etc.
2:00-5:00	CLASS: "Indonesia" or "Refugees"
5:00-5:30	Free Time
5:30-6:30	Supper
6:30-6:45	UMW Sings
6:45-7:45	Focus on Children
7:45-9:00	UMW Focus - Women's Division Update
9:15 till	"Red Eye Theater" Audiovisuals - Kilpatrick Auditorium

Saturday, July 18

7:00-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-9:15	CLASS: "Indonesia" or "Refugees"
9:30-10:30	BIBLE STUDY
10:55	Closing Worship - Brown Chapel NO LUNCH

HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME!

HOUSING - MEALS - FEES

Housing for everyone attending the School of Mission will be in James and Hardin Dormitories. If we exceed 270 people, Cline Dormitory will be used. The dorms will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. **Please do everything possible to pre-register so we will be assured of having enough space.** If you do not pre-register, you may not get the study course you want and a room may not be available. All rooms have two single beds with an adjoining room and bath to complete a suite. Please check with the person you list as your choice of roommate.

Bring bed linens, pillow, blanket, towels, etc. New mattresses are long so regular size fitted sheets will not fit. You will also need clothes hangers and a cup for morning coffee. The rooms have phone jacks, so if you would like, bring a telephone. Air conditioning often makes the classrooms cold so do bring a sweater. Walking shoes and casual dress, as well as rain gear and a tote bag should complete the list.

If you have special needs because of health problems, please note this on your registration form. **If you need first floor accommodations, you may not request a roommate.** There are a limited number of first floor rooms.

All who stay on campus must purchase a meal ticket and eat on campus. This is in accordance with the policy of Centenary College. Local persons attending during the day may eat in the cafeteria and pay as they go through the line. Meal prices are: Breakfast = $4.50, Lunch = $5.00, Supper = $5.50. Because of the cafeteria arrangements for preparing and serving food, special diets are not available.

Also in accordance with the policy of Centenary College is the rule that there will be **no smoking** within the dormitories or any other building on campus.

Anyone not a member of the Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to carpool shall pay $13.00 per night for the dormitory room and pay for extra meals as you go through the cafeteria line.

OFFERING - The offering taken at the School of Mission will be undesignated. All participants are required to register and pay the $11.00 registration fee for insurance coverage from the time you leave your home, throughout your stay on campus, to your return home.

AUDIO VISUALS - Fannie Reddix and Rita Parham will help you with the audio visuals that pertain to this year's studies.

TABLE GRACE - Annette Fortuna will be in charge of grace for the tables in the dining room. You are encouraged to use them as you come to dine.

MEDITATION ROOM - It is possible that you will need a quiet place to refocus during these four days. The Meditation Room in James Dormitory is just that kind of place. You may stop in at any time to sit quietly or browse through the Meditation Helps available.

CEU - Continuing education units will be awarded to pastors to assist them in earning the required credits for the year.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT (Fun Night) - Rita Parham has arranged a Book Parade that you just don't want to miss. The fun is with Parham.

MEDICAL INFORMATION - Angelique White will serve as our school nurse and will be located in James Dormitory.

Your address on campus, will be:

James Dormitory
P.O. Box 41188
Shreveport, LA 71134-1188
Telephone: (318) 869-5313

Introducing The 1998 School

Indonesia

Jean Hawk Troy

Jean was born in Soochow, China of missionary parents and educated in the Shanghai American School, Randolph-Macon Women's College and Tennessee State University. She is the widow of Dr. H. Olin Troy. They parented three sons and Jean now has one grandson and three granddaughters. She is a China Interpreter for the United Methodist Church and has led many tours back to China. Jean has served as a member of the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association. In 1964 she was elected to the Board of Missions where she served for eight years. She was a delegate, in 1980, to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Joan G. Cleveland

Joan is presently serving as the President of the North Alabama Conference United Methodist Women. She has served in many capacities in the church; 8 years on the Board of Global Ministries, World Division, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Women's Division, Conference Council on Finance and Administration, Board of Laity, as well as several positions in the local, district and conference levels of the church. Joan has a B.S. in Accounting and Economics and Masters in Business Administration. She was employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority for 25 years. She and her husband have one son and she enjoys reading, swimming, writing and serving as study leader in conference schools of mission.

Monina C. Fowler

"Nina" is originally from the Philippines and a product of missions herself. She is a psychiatric nurse, working in Waco. She serves as a member of the Jurisdiction Core Planning Group and has served her Central Texas Conference in many offices. Nina has been a study leader in several Schools of Christian Mission. She and her husband, Rev. Dr. Andy Fowler met as missionaries in Malaysia where they married and served for 25 years. They have many friends in Indonesia and have kept a lively interest in the people and the church there. Nina and Andy have two grown children.

Donna J. Paustian

Donna is a native of Kansas and has lived in Texas since 1963. She has a B.A. in English and she and her husband have two sons and three grandchildren. Donna has held numerous district and conference offices in the church and U.M.W. She served on the General Board of Global Ministries for 8 years and is now a consultant for the Women's Division for the Membership Campaign until 2002. She has also been active in Church Women United and National Conference of Christians and Jews. Donna has served as a study leader in several Regional and Conference Schools of Mission and will teach in three this summer. She has been a delegate to the last four Jurisdictional Conferences. Donna is also a tutor for Hispanic and Asian children.

The Bible, The Book That Bridges The Millennia

Donald Charles Cottrill

Don was born in Huntington, West Virginia and received his A.B. from Marshall University, his M. Div. from Vanderbilt and his D. Min. from Perkins School of Theology. He was married to the late Rebecca Doyle Cottrill and they are the parents of two daughters. Don comes from a family of Methodist ministers, having a sister and two brothers in the ministry. He is presently the senior pastor of Aldersgate U.M.C. in Slidell. Don has served on the General Board of Discipleship and in many capacities in the LA Conference, including Conference Council Director.

# of Christian Mission Teachers

Refugees and Global Migration

Anne C. Hearn

Anne is a resident of Houston, married to the Bishop of that area, J. Woodrow Hearn. They have four children and four grandchildren. She received her B.S. from LA Tech Univ. and did graduate work at Boston Univ. and McNeese State Univ. Anne has served her church in many capacities locally, in the district, conference and national levels. She has taught in many regional and conference Schools of Mission. Anne has been a delegate to three World Methodist Conferences and serves now as a member of the World Methodist Council. She has traveled in 50 Countries visiting mission activities. Her interests include her family, reading, traveling and sailing. She presently serves on the Boards of Lydia Patterson Institute and Wesley Community Center.

Rev. Arnold Vestal Brown

Arnold was born in Bogalusa and he and his wife, Doris have one son. He graduated from Dillard University and from Gammon Theological Seminary. He is presently serving Neely U.M.C. in Baton Rouge. He has served on several conference and district boards and has taught in two conference Schools of Mission and three district mini-schools. Arnold has also led spiritual retreat workshops for U.M. Women in two districts.

Rev. Gary H. Appleton

Gary is a native of Kansas, received his B.A. from Southwestern College and his Master of Divinity from St. Paul's School of Theology. He is presently serving Lyons U.M.C. in Kansas and before entering the ministry he served in the U.S. Air Force. Gary has been a teacher in several conference Schools of Mission. He has also taught Disciple Bible Studies and works with pastors' covenant groups and with Hospice groups. He and his wife, Ann Marie are the parents of three sons and have three grandsons. Gary will retire from the active ministry at the 1998 Annual Conference.

Audrey Rosser Milo

Audrey is an Assistant Professor at Clemson University. She earned her B.S. from Fort Valley State and her Masters degree from L.S.U. She is a candidate for Dr. of Ed. from the Univ. of Georgia. Audrey is the surviving spouse of Rev. Howard Milo who served in the LA Conference for 25 years. They had two children who have blessed them with seven grandchildren. Audrey served on all levels of U.M.W. in LA., was President of Church Women United in LA., and a member of the Executive Council of Church Women United in the U.S.A. She was United Nations Interpreter for Women's Division for 4 years and has taught in six conference Schools of Mission.

Children's School Teachers

Jacqueline Stewart Campbell

Jacqueline is a native of Anniston, AL and received her B.A. from Spelman College, her B.S. from L.S.U. and Masters from U.N.O. She is married to Dr. Alonzo Campbell and they have one son. She is presently serving as Reading, French and Conflict Resolution teacher in East Baton Rouge. Jacquie has worked with children and youth in numerous churches and in 1996 was chosen teacher of the year.

Cheryl L. Sliwoski

Cheryl is a native of Muskegon, Michigan and is now a member of Cornerstone U.M.C. in New Orleans. She and her husband, Mark, have a son and a daughter. Cheryl served one year in mission work thru Global World Ministries. She has taught in the Montessori School in New Orleans and is presently home teaching her two children. She works in many areas in her local church, working also with the elderly and mentally challenged adults.

Hebrews 6:10 says, "For God is not unfair. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other Christians, as you still do." Reading is hard work too, but we encourage you to visit the Resource Room at the School of Mission. We hope to have many new and interesting books from the Reading Program. If you are unable to go to Assembly, be sure to come by the School of Mission Resource Room- We will try to bring lots of ideas back for your reading pleasure.

Our Rainbow of Love will be sharing many items with you for your unit. Have you read, "Values from the Heartland", "The Recovery of Black Presence", or "Peace, Love and Healing", all three are excellent books!

If there is anything you'd like to see, feel free to call me or write me. My phone number is (504) 447-4220. Rev. 10:1 says "And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun and his feet as pillars of fire."

See you in Shreveport !!!
Peace, Love and Happiness
Gwendolyn Streams/Resource Room

Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship

The Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund, is the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's unique scholarship to attend the annual School of Christian Mission. The Scholarship was founded in 1981 and honors the late Estelle Darsey Dameron, November 17, 1906-January 28, 1996. Mrs. Dameron was instrumental in beginning the Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission. The Estelle Dameron Scholarship has enabled worthy students to attend School of Christian Mission and participate in new concepts of global ministry through mission education. The scholarship continues to grow in her honor through gifts, special offerings, and the continual budgeting of local units. This Louisiana tradition is even more important as we prepare for mission in the year 2000 and beyond.

The Chairman, with the Committee on Membership, Nurture, and Outreach, is encouraging children, high school girls, college women and newly retired women to apply for a scholarship. Getting women interested in mission at an early age and at new life stages is one way to insure the vitality and growth of an educated, mission minded membership. Please urge women in these age/interest categories to apply.

All applicants for scholarships should indicate a willingness to attend the School of Christian Mission and a desire to participate fully in all activities. We are looking for young, not-so-young, seasoned, spicy, energetic, single, married, employed, homemakers, students, newly retired, from a large or small unit, church workers with children and youth, or clergy. Persons other than members of United Methodist Women will also be considered. One applicant per unit should send a completed application form with a written statement entitled:

I want to attend the School of Christian Mission because...

Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 1998 and mailed to:

Ms. Brenda J. Canty, Membership Nurture and Outreach
3509 North 38th Street • Baton Rouge, LA 70805
(504) 356-7615

Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Application

District: _____ Unit (Church Name) _____

Church Address: _____ Unit Membership: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: ( ) _____

Applicant ( ) has ( ) has not attended a School of Christian Mission before.

Age Group: ( ) 7-14 Children; ( ) High School; ( ) under 35; ( ) 35-50; ( ) 51 and oldet

Employment: ( ) Full Time; ( ) Part Time; ( ) Retired; ( ) Student; ( ) Homemaker

Age of Children: ( ) Pre-school; ( ) School; ( ) College; ( ) Not at home

Choice of Study: ( ) Indonesia; ( ) Global Migration/Refugee

Unit President or Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: ( ) _____

Include written statement: I want to attend the School of Christian Mission because...

Textbooks, Study Guides and AV

Available from:
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7820 Reading Road, Caller No. 1800
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1-800-305-9857
1-513-761-3722 Fax, 24 Hour Service

The Bible: The Book that Bridges the Millennia, Part 1: Origins and Formation Stock #2702, $4.50
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Stock # 2698, $19.95

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Leader's Guide to *Indonesia in Shadow and Light*
Stock #2708, $6.95

Map 'n' Facts: Indonesia, Stock #2709, $6.95

Islands of the Rainbow: An Indonesian Adventure (Children)
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Teacher's Guide to *Islands of the Rainbow: An Indonesian Adventure* (Children), Stock #2712, $4.95

New World Outlook Special Edition
- Indonesia May/June 1998, Stock #2695, $2.50

Response Special Edition - Indonesia June 1998
Stock #2697, $1.25

Video - Indonesia Rushing Into Tomorrow
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Stock # 2705, $6.95

New World Outlook Special Issue - Refugees and Global Migration Mar./April 1998, Stock #2693, $2.50

Response Special Issue - Refugees and Global Migration
April 1998, Stock #2696, $1.25

Video - No Place to Call Home, Stock #2706, $29.95

Video - Make a Little Difference (Children)
Stock #2723, $15.00

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Evelyn Evans

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ADULT REGISTRATION

EVERYONE SHOULD BE PRE-REGISTERED.

School of Christian Mission
Registration Form
Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women
July 15 - 18, 1998
Centenary College

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ Zip:_____

Phone No. ( ) _____

Church:_____ District:_____

Check all that apply:

- ☐ First Timer ☐ Need First floor room
- ☐ Rooming with child ☐ Staying off Campus
- ☐ Executive Committee ☐ District Officer
- ☐ Arriving Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Will need ride to classes
- ☐ Can provide van for a shuttle to classes

Roommate preferred:_____

Suitemates preferred:_____

Studies: Choose One of the Following:

- ☐ Refugees and Global Migration
- ☐ Indonesia

Everyone participates in the study:

The Bible: Its Origins & Formation

CHILDREN'S* REGISTRATION

Name:_____

Sex:_____ Age:_____

Address:_____

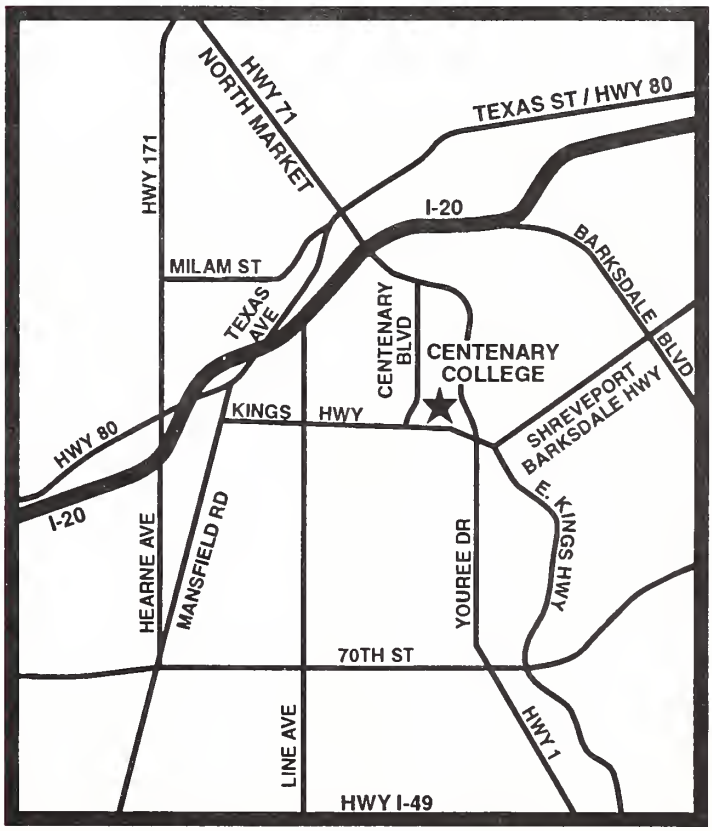
City:_____ Zip:_____

Phone No. ( ) _____

Church:_____ District:_____

Name of Adult rooming with you:_____

*** Children must be 7 to 12 years of age**



Study and Resources Available on the Internet

The General Board of Global Ministries has worked very hard to develop a great Internet Home Page with resources for study, worship, and mission information. Internet training will be available in the James Dormitory Computer Laboratory. Internet Resources are listed for your "Web Surfing" pleasure.

1998 SCM Internet Resources

General Board of Global Ministries Home Page
http://gbgm-umc.org
Note: Select United Methodist Women or Women's Division for UMW Home Page.

Schools of Christian Mission
http://198.139.157.2/umw/schools.html

Spiritual Growth Study
1996-1997 John Wesley: Holiness of Heart & Life
http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/wesley
1997-1998 Joshua and the Land
http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/joshua
1998-1999 The Bible, Part 1: The Book that bridges the millennia
http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/Bible

Ecumenical Mission Study
Refugees and Global Migration
The World's Uprooted, Ecumenical year for churches in solidarity with the uprooted
http://198.139.157 2/global/refugees

U.M.C.O.R. - United Methodist Committee on Relief
http://gbgm-umc.org/units/umcor/refugees.html

Geographical Study
Indonesia Mission Stories
http://198.139.157.2/resources/stories/

Coming Events

May 14 - 17..... Assembly
Orlando, Florida

June 8 - 11..... La. Annual Conference
Centenary College, Shreveport

July 15 - 18..... School of Christian Mission
Centenary College, Shreveport

August..... District Mini Schools of Christian Mission

Sept. 18 - 19.....Conference Annual Meeting
Trinity U.M.C., Ruston

Oct. & Nov..... District Annual Meetings

October 17..... District Elected Leaders' Training

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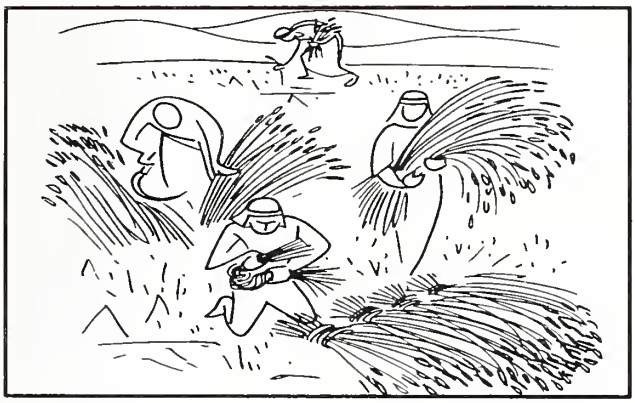
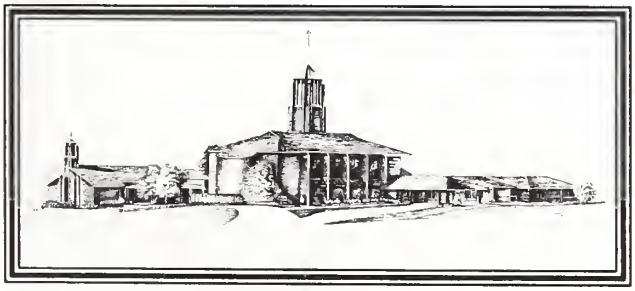


Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women

Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting
Trinity United Methodist Church
Spetember 19 - 19, 1998
Ruston, Louisiana



Trinity United Methodist Church
Ruston, Louisiana

The twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston, Louisiana, on Friday, September 18, 1998.

Conference President Elouise Sanders will preside over the meeting. Reverend Fred Wideman, pastor of the host church; Maxie Garrett, President of the Ruston District and Chairperson; Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles, Ruston District Superintendent; Kitty DeFreese, local President of Trinity United Methodist Women and Co-Chairperson; will welcome participants as they gather for this Annual Celebration of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women in mission.

The theme for this year's meeting will be "Laborers into His Harvest." The theme is based on the scripture text Matthew 9:37-38, "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest'." NRSV The theme hymn will be "We Plough the Field, and Scatter", which is in the Cokesbury Hymnal #223. Throughout the annual meeting United Methodist Women will be reminded that all are laborers for God as the work in mission is accomplished. The main focus will be on cultivating the desire for new members as well as reaping the harvest of the present membership.

Joy Soloman, wife of Bishop Dan E. Solomon, will address the group on Friday evening at the banquet and Saturday morning.

Maxie Garrett is the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting and Kitty DeFreese is Co-Chairperson. Kaye Wiley and Dianne Wilkinson are assisting Kitty with the local arrangements. See you in September! Maxie and Kitty

Maxie Garrett
Chairperson

Kitty DeFreese
Co-Chairperson

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will be held on September 18-19, 1998, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston.

The theme for the meeting is "Laborers into His Harvest" based on Matthew 9:37-38. September is the beginning of the harvest season in Louisiana. Laborers gather and bring the produce of the land into the storehouses for use in the future. We are challenged to become laborers for God to help bring souls into his kingdom.

The Annual Meeting Task Force is chaired by Maxie Garrett, President of the Ruston District, and Kitty DeFreese, Trinity UMW President.

A banquet is planned for Friday night at Trinity United Methodist Church. Information concerning the banquet can be found with the registration information in this newsletter.

Louisiana's own Joy Solomon will be the featured speaker on Friday night and at the Saturday morning session.

Part of the business of Annual Meeting is the election of leadership. In accordance with the Conference Standing Rules, the slate of nominees is listed in this publication. Voting membership is composed of the following: members of the Conference Executive Committee, District Elected Leaders, the spouse of the resident Bishop, President of all predecessor organizations and delegates from local units. Local units are represented on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, provided every unit, regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership of each local unit is determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory of the conference organization, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

Come join us in Ruston and enjoy the beauty of North Louisiana at harvest time. Join your UMW sisters as we work together as "Laborers into His Harvest."

Elouise Sanders
Conference President

ANNUAL MEETING OFFERING

The offering taken Saturday morning during Annual Meeting will be sent undesignated to Women's Division as a part of our Conference Pledge of $260,000.00. It will be sent in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Dan Solomon. Joy Solomon is the keynote speaker for our meeting. Come prepared to contribute to this meaningful event.

MORE ABOUT ANNUAL MEETING

Please fill out the registration form included in this newsletter and send the entire form to Evelyn Evans. Be sure to include your check in the amount of $5.00. Everyone who attends must pay this fee because it includes the insurance that will cover you from the time you leave home, throughout the meeting, and your return home. Also please be sure to indicate if you will be needing child care and check the boxes that will let us know what meals you will be eating at Trinity United Methodist Church. This will help us in planning the food. Remember, we will have a banquet at the church instead of the various districts going out to eat.

On Friday evening, the banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Trinity UMC. Be sure to check the banquet square on the registration form and include your $10.00 if you plan to attend the banquet. Joy Solomon will be the guest speaker and several musical selections are planned.

On Saturday morning an offering will be received to be used in mission work, so please be prepared to contribute to this important gift. Also remember the "Mission Candle," which is a meaningful way to honor loved ones, as well as increase our gift to missions.

Registration will begin at Trinity United Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall at 10:: a.m. on Friday, September 18, 1998, and continue until 12:15 p.m. The address of Trinity UMC is 1000 Woodward Avenue, Ruston, Louisiana. Signs will be posted to direct you to the registration tables. A sandwich lunch will be provided in the gymnasium. The lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m.

Following the afternoon session, delegates and guests will have free time until 6:30 p.m. at which time the banquet will begin.

A Continental Breakfast will be available on Saturday morning. Following the Worship Service that morning, a sandwich lunch will again be provided. Please remember to indicate on the registration form the meals you will be eating and the banquet if you plan to attend at Trinity UMC.

A post-executive committee meeting will be held in Room 300 immediately following the Communion Service and will include all newly elected conference officers as well as retiring officers.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN RUSTON!

Program

"Laborers into His Harvest"

Scripture: Matthew 9:37-38
Theme Hymn: "We Plough the Fields, and Scatter"

Friday Afternoon: 1:00 p.m.

Prelude	
Invocation	Hilda D. Sills
Convening of the 25th Annual Meeting	Elouise Sanders
Affirmation of Our Purpose (In Unison)	
Welcome	Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles
	Rev. Fred Wideman
Presentation of Program	Maxie Garrett
	Kitty DeFreese
Lighting of the Mission Candle	Hessie Watson
Hymn "We Plough the Fields and Scatter"	
Opening Meditation	Kathleen Conrad

BUSINESS SESSION

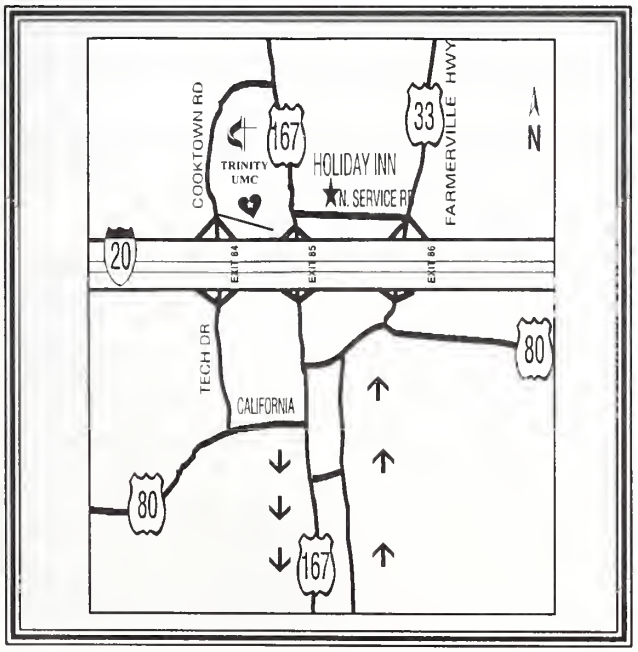
UMW's Year in Review	Elouise Sanders
Recommendation of Executive Committee	Officers

REPORTS

Church Women United	
Conference Goals for 1999	
Membership	
Finance Report and Budget	
Committee on Nomination	Norma Winegeart
Election of Officers	

BREAK

UMW Sings	Norma Simpkins
Greeting from the Jurisdiction	
Project Reports	
Honoring of Retiring Officers	Mary Margaret Barr
Assembly Report	Glenver Rowland
	Angelique White
Close of Afternoon Session	



Friday Evening: 6:30 p.m.

BANQUET
Trinity United Methodist Church Gymnasium

Musical Selections	
Introduction of Speaker	Norma Winegeart
Message	Joy Solomon
Musical Selections	

Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

UMW Sings	Norma Simpkins
Morning Prayer	Rev. Linda Shepherd
Litany	Brenda Canty
Pledge Service	Evelyn Evans
Report of Registration	Page Harrison
Special Mission Recognition	
Morning Message	Joy Solomon
Offertory Prayer	
Offering	
Installation of Officers	Doris Brown
Invitation of 1999 Annual Meeting	
Announcements	
Adjournment	

BREAK

Meditation	Rev. Jimmie D. Pyles
Holy Communion	
Sending Forth	
Postlude	

Housing Information

Headquarter Hotel
Holiday Inn, Ruston
North Service Road of I-20 between Hwy. 167 & Hwy. 33
P. O. Box 1189
Ruston, LA 71273-1189
Phone: (318)255-5901
Fax: (318)255-3729
For Reservations Call 1-800-HOLIDAY
Room Rates: $52.00 plus 11% tax
(1, 2, 3, or 4 persons)

Reservation Deadline: August 29, 1998

Tell the reservations clerk you are with United Methodist Women

Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 1000 W. Woodward Ave. (North Service Road), Exit 84 off of I-20. The Holiday Inn is located on the North Service Road of I-20 between Hwy. 167 and Hwy. 33. You may reach the Holiday Inn from Exit 85 or 86.

PROGRAM

Joy Solomon will be the keynote and banquet speaker for Annual Meeting. She is the wife of Bishop Dan E. Solomon, the mother of three children, and grandmother to two grandsons. Born in Abilene, Texas, she received her B.S. Degree from McMurry University in Abilene. She has taught elementary grades in several Texas schools. Joy is an accomplished musician in the fields of song writing and symphony. She has been a member of several choirs and has performed solos. She was a cellist in the Abilene and Amarillo Symphonies. In community involvement she has taken an active role in "war on drugs" and literacy. She has served as United Methodist Women Study Leader and Retreat Leader. "Faith Home" is a publication created by Joy and Bishop Solomon that emphasizes a faith forming experience for parents and children. Joy lists her hobbies as travel, reading, singing, and walking.

The host pastor for Annual Meeting will be ***Reverend Fred B. Wideman***. A native of Homer, Louisiana, Fred received his B.A. from Louisiana Tech University and his Masters of Theology from Perkins at SMU. His Post Graduate Studies were at Emory University. He has served pastorates in New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Sulphur, before coming to Trinity United Methodist Church, Ruston, as Senior Minister. He was one of the organizers for Louisiana United Methodist Cursillo and was the recipient of the J. Henry Bowden Preaching Award in 1993, which is given by the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. Fred and his wife, Ann Caraway Wideman, have three teenage children.

The Ruston District Superintendent is ***Reverend Jimmie D. Pyles***. He will welcome the members to the Ruston District and conduct the closing worship on Saturday. Rev. Pyles is a native of Jackson Parish and received his education at Northeast Louisiana University and SMU. He has served churches throughout the state and completed two exchanges to Northern Ireland. For eleven years he was Senior Pastor at First Church Pineville before becoming Ruston District Superintendent. He has served on numerous boards related to the church and to communities. He has been a Chaplain to a sheriff's office and a motel chain and is Chairman of the Personnel Committee of the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home in Ruston. Presently, he serves on the Executive Committee of the Council on Evangelism for the General Church. Jimmie and his wife, Dessie, have one son.

Kathleen C. Conrad, United Methodist Women South Central Jurisdiction Additional Member of the Core Planning Group, will present the opening devotional. She is the wife of Rev. Clifton C. Conrad, Sr., Pastor of Calvary UMC, Thibodaux, and the mother of two children. Kathleen has served in various positions at the local, district, and conference levels. In 1995 she served as chairman of the UMW Annual Meeting. She is an Evaluator of the UMW Reading Program. Her greatest ambition in life is to "Be all that God calls me to be!"

PERSONNEL

Lighting the Mission Candle at the opening of Annual Meeting will be ***Hessie G. Watson***. Hessie is a native of Shreveport who presently lives in Homer. She received her B.A. from Centenary College and a M.A. + 30 in Counseling from Louisiana Tech University. She is a retired educator and a very active member of First United Methodist Church in Homer. Her UMW experience includes serving Ruston District as Financial Interpreter and Treasurer. She is presently serving as treasurer of her local unit, member of the Church Administrative Board, and Task Force Chairman on Evangelism. Hessie has been married to Horace E. Watson for 50 years and they have two children and two grandsons.

Mary Margaret Barr will conduct the service honoring the retiring officers. While living in Ruston for 40 years, she served in various offices in her local UMW unit as well as district and conference offices. She served as Chairman of the Louisiana Annual Conference Health and Welfare Committee for eight years. In 1993 she moved to Shreveport, became a member of Broadmoor UMC and chaired the 1994 Annual UMW Meeting. Presently she serves her unit as vice president, teaches an adult Sunday School class, and is the lay delegate for Broadmoor UMC to Annual Conference. Mary Margaret was named Shreveport District UMW Woman in Mission in 1997. She has two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Doris Brown serves as a Director of the Women's Division and on the General Board of Global Ministries. In these positions she serves on various committees and task forces to assist in planning and policy making decisions of the Boards. Doris is a resident of Baton Rouge where she works full time as the Supervisor of Accounting for East Baton Rouge Parish School System. She is married to Pastor Arnold V. Brown of Neely UMC, and they have one son, Arnold Brown, Jr. Doris is active in her local church where she is coordinator of children's ministry and a troop organizer for girl scouts. She is also an assistant director of the young adult choir. Prior to being a Director, she served in the position of "Christian Personhood" for the Baton Rouge District. In that position, she coordinated annual spiritual enrichment events of which she deeply enjoyed. On the conference level she has served as the chairperson of the 1997 Retreat and was the director of music for the 1993 Retreat. She taught in School of Christian Mission and represented the Louisiana Conference in Jurisdictional and National events.

The song leader for Annual Meeting will be ***Norma Simpkins***. Her music education began in the first grade with a music teacher who taught her during her 12 years at Tioga High School. Norma has cultivated her talent for 43 years in music ministry within the United Methodist Church. She is an active member of the Arcadia UMW unit having served as president, secretary, and is presently Secretary of Publicity for the Ruston District UMW. She is church secretary at First UMC in Arcadia and also serves as the Adult Music Director. She is married and loves horseback riding. Norma wrote, "I come to this Annual Meeting as song leader to share my faith and witness through the singing of praises to glorify our Lord."

Election

Report of Committee on Nominations

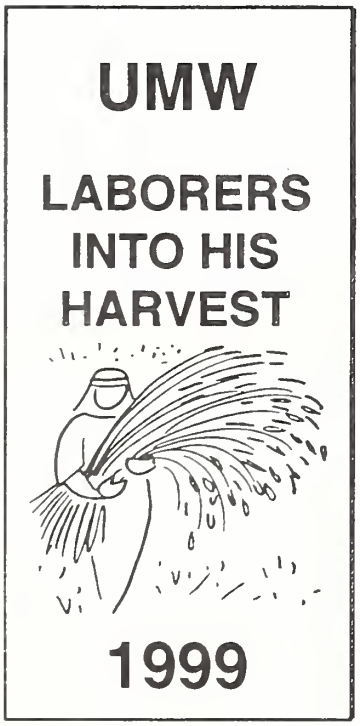
The election of officers will be held during the Annual Meeting on Friday afternoon, September 18, 1998. The Committee on Nominations presents the following nominees:

Re-election for two year term, 1999-2000:		District
Treasurer		
Evelyn Evans	Natchitoches	A1
Election for two year term, 1999-2000:		
Vice President		
Harriette Elrod	Tallulah	M
Coordinator for Spiritual Growth		
Glory Brown	Angie	NS
Coordinator for Social Action		
Ethel Lilly	Mansfield	S
Chair, Committee on Nominations		
Fannie Reddix	New Orleans	NO
Members Committee on Nominations Class of 2002		
Jean Cadenhead	Haynesville	R
Dot Moss	Mer Rouge	M
Jean S. Williams	Mansfield	S
Members of Charter for Racial Justice Policies Committee		
District President, one year		
Jane Eubanks		NS
Chair, Committee on Nominations		
Fannie Reddix		NO
Coordinator for Social Action		
Ethel Lilly		S

Continuing in Office for 1999:		District
President		
Elouise Sanders	Arcadia	R
Secretary		
Carolyn Colvin	Shreveport	S
Ed. & Interpretation		
Frances Patton	Vidalia	M
Membership N & Outreach		
Brenda Canty	Baton Rouge	BR
Program Resources		
Gwen Streams	Thibodaux	AC
Communications		
Rita Parham	Baton Rouge	BR
Members, Committee on Nominations		
Class of 1999		
Eloise Cox	Jena	AL
Rosalie Pryor	Alexandria	AL
Class of 2000		
Gail Epperson	Slidell	NS
Betty Tripp	Lafayette	AC
Class of 2001		
Fannie Reddix	New Orleans	NO
Alice Irving	Baton Rouge	BR
Charter Racial Justice:		
1999		
Elouise Sanders	Gwen Streams	
2000		
Jeroldean Dommert	Rita Parham	

Respectfully submitted by the Members of the Committee on Nominations:

Joyce Hazel	Gail Epperson	Ethel Lilly
Betty Tripp	Eloise Cox	Fannie Reddix
Rosalie Pryor	Norma Winegeart	Alice Irving
	Chairperson	



Design of Ribbon for 1999

Dear Friends,

I am sure all district and local secretaries are aware that fall is on its way, and the big job of compiling the lists of officers is also. It is **EXTREMELY** important that each local unit secretary send a copy of the officers for 1999 to the district secretary before October 1 so that directories and labels for next year can be made. Include name, complete address, and correct zip code. If members have and want to include their fax number and E-mail, please do so.

Both district and conference directories depend on this information and without complete lists you and your unit may not receive the district and conference newsletters. Compiling and editing these lists is a very time consuming job and the cooperation of all "links in the chain" will help a great deal.

Let November 15 be the time to get the lists of **local and district officers** to me from each district secretary. I have an IBM compatible computer, so if the district secretaries also have these, I can use a disk as well as the printed list.

Thank you for your efficiency and dedication.

In His love,

Carolyn Colvin
Conference Secretary

Registration Form

Louisiana Conference Annual Meeting

September 18-19, 1998
Trinity United Methodist Church
1000 West Woodward Avenue
Ruston, LA 71270-2145
(318) 251-0750

Send Registration to:
Evelyn Evans
100 St. Clair
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Make checks payable to:
Louisiana Conference UMW
Preregistration fee: $5.00
On-Site Registration fee: $10.00

Name: _____
Address: _____
_____
Phone: _____

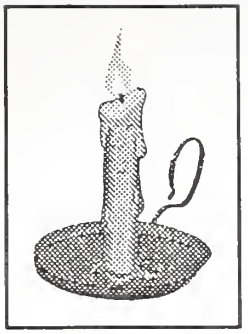
Check all that apply:
- ☐ Conference Office - Specify_____
- ☐ Conference Executive Committee
- ☐ District Office - Specify_____
- ☐ Local Unit Member ☐ Voting Delegate
- ☐ Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
- ☐ Guest ☐ Banquet ($10.00)

Meals: ☐ Fri. Lunch ☐ Sat. Breakfast ☐ Sat. Lunch

Church_____
City_____District_____

Number in Local Unit ____
Where will you be staying during the meeting?
_____
Will child care be needed? _____
Ages of children (no older than 10)_____

NOTE: Registration fee includes costs of insurance from time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of expense of meeting. (Include money for banquet.)
DEADLINE FOR PREREGISTRATION: AUGUST 31, 1998



Mission Candle

Every unit should have received information regarding the **Mission Candle**. The mission candle is a significant part of our Conference Annual Meeting, to be held on September 18-19, 1998 at Trinity UMC, Ruston

1998 COST OF MISSION SUPPORT:

1 Second	.63
1 Minute	37.73
5 Minutes	188.66
1 Hour	2,263.96

Gifts may be given IN MEMORY or IN HONOR of persons whose names will be inscribed by district in a Conference Mission book displayed near the candle. Each district will take home its list of names to display at their District Annual Meeting.

Please note that persons or units giving the gift are responsible for notifying honorees and/or families of those memorialized. Our goal is to burn the candle throughout the Conference Annual Meeting. This goal can be realized if every unit gives one minute more. Please use this form to list names, indicating in which section each name is to be inscribed.

Send the form with your check to your District Treasurer by September 4th.

Person Submitting Form_____
Church_____
City_____ Phone_____

Given by:	In Honor of:	Circle one (1)
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Given by:	In Memory of:	Total Amount Enclosed:
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1999 Goals of Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

1. In 1999, we will strengthen our Louisiana Conference School of Christian Mission by:
   a)Urging at least five children from each district to attend. b) Providing financial assistance for teenage girls to attend.
2. We will continue to work toward the year of 2000 to increase certification in the areas of:
   a)Reading Program b) Excellence of Study c) Charter for Racial Justice Policy
3. To increase the membership of each District by 10% each year by targeting Teen Women (ages 12-17), College University Women (ages 18-25), Young Women (ages 18-25), and Newly Retired Women.
4. Organizing District and Local Units at local churches where there is no unit; and at colleges/universities, Wesley Foundations, and retirement centers.

Hilda Sills, Conference Vice President

Coming Events

1998 District Annual Meetings

Acadiana	October 10	Sager Brown, Baldwin
Alexandria	October 4	Pollock UMC, Pollock
Baton Rouge	November 7	Blackwater UMC, Baker
Lake Charles	November 7	DeQuincy UMC, DeQuincy
Monroe	October 10	Hope UMC, Monroe
New Orleans	October 10	Brooks UMC, New Orleans
North Shore	October 10	E.S. Memorial UMC, Bogalusa
Ruston	October 4	Chatham UMC, Chatham
Shreveport	October 11	First UMC, Shreveport

August 21 Mission Event
Louisiana Conference Retreat Center
All Conference and District Elected Officers

October 17 District Elected Leaders' Training
Louisiana Conference Retreat Center
Muriel Miller, Chairperson

1999

January 24 UMW Sunday

Feb. 12-13 Mid-Year Executive Committee
Louisiana Conference Retreat Center

Feb. 26-28 Louisiana Conference UMW Retreat
Louisiana Conference Retreat Center

Mark Your Calendars Now!!!

February 26-28, 1999 we will have our eleventh biannual **Retreat at Louisiana Conference Retreat Center**. The chairpersons for this event are Annette Fortuna and Fannie Reddix.

The speaker for this retreat will be Joy Solomon. You won't want to miss this time of praise and worship, so keep these dates clear for this important time together. You will receive more information in the January newsletter.

Resources Available on the Internet

The General Board of Global Ministries and Louisiana Conference UMC have been working very hard to develop great Internet Home Pages that provide resources for study, worship, and mission opportunities. The Internet will supply many mission opportunities for United Methodist Women. Explore these resources.

Louisiana Resources:

Louisiana Conference UMC Home Page
http://gbgm-umc.org/louisiana-conference/

The Archives and History Page is a new feature and when completed will have the history of the churches of the Louisiana Conference.

This page will be helpful for United Methodist Women as we continue the Membership Campaign.

Archives and History Page
http://gbgm-umc.org/history/

General Board of Global Ministries Home Page
http://gbgm-umc.org

1998-1999:

Spiritual Growth Study
Ecumenical Mission Study
Geographical Study

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Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women Louisiana Conference Retreat

February 26, 27, & 28
Louisiana Conference Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

Rena M. Yocom
Retreat Leader

Theme:
"Rejoice in the Lord, Always!"

Come be a part of singing, sharing, worshiping, and fellowship as we join together as sisters in Christ for a weekend of retreat. It will not be the same without you!

Reflections on the theme:

Rejoice in the Lord, Always!

God is good - All the time!
But sometimes life is tough and sisterly love is slow in coming. Nevertheless, we will join 200 years of Methodist foremothers who sang praises to God, who hummed their prayers and taught their children - through Gospel choruses - to trust and hope in Jesus Christ. Celebrate...pray...remember...sing...dance...share... and worship with sisters from all across Louisiana.

The theme for the 11th Retreat of the Louisiana Conference is "Rejoice in the Lord, Always!" This theme will give us the opportunity to share our faith with each other as we explore together what it truly means to know and experience the joy of the Lord. The task group of the 1998 Retreat is very excited about this theme, and the group knows that each and every retreat participant will be greatly blessed as she shares and worships with her sisters in Christ. The scripture for the weekend can be found in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." We may not have control over the circumstances in our lives, but we do have control over how we respond and react to those circumstances. Come join us for a weekend of "rejoicing" and renewing of our spirits. See you there!

Annette Fortuna
Chairperson

Retreat Spiritual Leader

Dr. Rena M. Yocom currently serves as Director of Gospel Communication for the Louisiana Area of the United Methodist Church. She previously served as the Associate General Secretary for Mission Education, Mission Contexts and Relationships for the General Board of Global Ministries in New York.

Rena is the vice-president of the World Association for Christian Communication and the president for the North America Association. She serves as chair of the Board of Publications for the American Society of Missiology. She co-edited *Church in the Movement of the Spirit* and was a contributing author to *Women and Church* and *Twelve Tales Untold*. She co-authored and taught a popular Bible Study, *Journeys through the Bible*. She has served as a director and vice-president for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry and the National Council of Churches of Christ, USA. She received accolades for planning and coordinating the last two Global Gatherings which brought together thousands of Christians from around the world to celebrate what the United Methodist Church is doing in mission.

Dr. Yocom is a deacon of the Louisiana Conference. Previously she was a member of the Kansas East Conference for nearly three decades. Her graduate degrees are from Saint Paul School of Theology and San Francisco Theological Seminary. She has worked in local churches in adult Christian education. She has taught in Conference and Regional schools of mission, in Course of Study for Local Pastors and has led workshops around the globe. She and her husband, Larry, have two children and one grandson.

RETREAT TASK GROUP & OTHER LEADERSHIP

Annette Fortuna
Chairperson
(Arrangements/Advertisement)

Fannie Reddix
Assistant Chairperson
(Program Booklet/Site Registration)

Lou Medlock & Karen Graves
Table Graces

Evelyn Evans
Treasurer & Registration

Muriel Miller
Friday Evening Fellowship

Elouise Sanders
Ex-Officio

MINISTERS OF MUSIC

We will be truly blessed at our 1999 Retreat as we are lead in music by **Connie Chenevert** and **Lonnette Kurtz**. These names may be new for some of you, but after the weekend you will know them and love them both!

Connie Chenevert is a native Alexandrian and is a member of Horseshoe Drive United Methodist Church. She will be our song leader for the weekend. Connie sings in the Chancel Choir at her church. Connie feels that music is the "glue that holds the worship service together." She has a beautiful voice, and her enthusiasm for music will inspire us and make our worship time together more meaningful. Connie received her degree from Grambling State University and has been employed in the Rapides Parish school system for 24 years. She is currently Supervisor for Special Education for the parish. She has one daughter, Eryn, who is a senior at Bolton High School.

Our pianist for our retreat will be Lonnette Kurtz. Lonnette is a member of Mangum United Methodist Church in Shreveport and is Spiritual Growth Coordinator for her UMW unit. She has been the Church Secretary at Mangum for 10 years and plays the piano for the 8:30 Worship Service. She has been playing the piano in church since she was eleven years old. For Lonnette, praise through song is just as important as the sermon. She says whether you can sing or not, you sound good in church! Lonnette is married and has two grown children and one grandchild. She can truly make a piano ring with beautiful music.

Both of these ladies have a love for the Lord and a love for music, so we will be blessed as we "Rejoice in the Lord" together through song!

IN MEMORIUM

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of Gail Epperson of Slidell. Gail was serving on our Conference Committee on Nominations. She had also served as President of the North Shore District. She passed away on Tuesday, December 22 and memorial services were held for her Saturday, December 26. Gail will be missed by all of us who had worked with her.

From the President

The hills of North Louisiana were ablaze with color during late October and November. The sumac, dogwoods, maples and sassafras were the first to show their colors of brilliant red and gold. Soon the sweetgums joined them with a collage of colors from pale yellow to deep red. The bright yellow of the hickorys joined the color parade and finally the oaks with their tones of red completed the display of color. Joy filled my heart and soul as I drove through the countryside and observed the beauty of God's creation.

I trust that each of you had a blessed Christmas celebration with family and friends. Our hearts and souls are filled with love and reverence as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

The special celebration has passed and the beautiful leaves have all fallen from the trees. The weather is colder and the skies are gray and dreary. Our lives may have drifted into winter hibernation. Our spirits may be weary and our hearts burdened with trials and disappointments.

It is time for spiritual renewal, time for joy and love to be rekindled in our hearts and souls. It is time to plan to attend the UMW Louisiana Conference Retreat, February 26-28, 1999, at the Louisiana Conference Center. Join with us as we come together to "Rejoice in the Lord Always."

Elouise Sanders
Conference President

Retreat Registration and Housing Information

To register for the 1999 Retreat, complete the form on page 7, clip and mail to the address on the form with your check.

In order to allow the maximum number to attend the Retreat, we would prefer that you agree to sharing a room with three other women. If this is not satisfactory, you may choose a room for three or two people. Cost of the Retreat will be as follows:

4 to a room	$80.00 per person
3 to a room	$88.00 per person
2 to a room	$94.00 per person

This will include your room for the two nights and six meals. Registration will be from 3:00 to 5:00 on Friday afternoon. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the first session will begin at 7:00. Lunch will be served on Sunday at the close of the Retreat. Be sure to list the room-mates you wish to share a room with (after you have verified this with them).

DIRECTIONS:

FROM BATON ROUGE, take I-10 West toward Lafayette, exit North on I-49. From I-49, take the Woodworth exit, follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (105 miles)

FROM NEW ORLEANS, take I-10 West toward Lafayette, exit North on I-49. From I-49, take the Woodworth exit, follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (182 miles)

FROM SHREVEPORT, take I-49 South through Alexandria. Take the Woodworth exit, and follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (129 miles)

We are thankful to be having the Retreat at our own facility, the Louisiana Conference Center. The beautiful facility is located on five hundred and seventy acres of pine and hardwood forest just south of Alexandria. The centrally-located complex overlooks a 32 acre lake in the midst of one of Louisiana's most scenic areas. All Retreatants are expected to stay on the grounds. Rooms will be assigned as registrations are received. If necessary, a waiting list will be kept and those notified. Substitutions may be made, but there will be **NO REFUNDS AFTER FEBRUARY 9th.**

News Shorts

by Rita M. Parham, LA Conference UMW Communications Coordinator

Louisiana Conference
United Methodist Women
20/20 Charter Club

providing a clear vision for a better world with educational opportunities for using The Charter for Racial Justice

20/20 Charter Club Introduced

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women have a great history in the fight for Racial Justice and a hope for the future with a clear vision for a racially just world.

The Committee on the Charter for Racial Justice invites you to visualize Racial justice and become members of the 20/20 Charter Club.

To be eligible as a Charter unit of the Charter Club select four activities and provide information as to the dates and methods used to fulfill these activities to your District Coordinator for Social Action. Eligibility dates for 1998-1999 initial Charter Club membership are:

October 1st - June 1st

Reports due District Social Action Mission Coordinator by June 30th, Reports due Conference Social Action Mission Coordinator by July 15th.

After completion of the initial four activity membership requirements, continued membership in the Charter Club will require completion of at least one new activity annually.

Become a 20/20 Charter Club Unit and visualize a better world by using The Charter for Racial Justice. For more information contact your District Mission Coordinator for Social Action.

Environmental Contaminants and Linguistics As Power: Foci of Awardees

October 20, 1998 -- Environmental contaminants and linguistics as power are the foci of research for the two 1999 Theressa Hoover Community Service and Global Citizen Awardees announced Sunday at the Women's Division board of directors meeting.

Phyllis Williams of Jackson, MS, and Sally J. Andrews of Lincoln, NE, received the annual award.

Ms. Williams plans to look at communities throughout the Mid-West, the contaminants of ground water, and how these pollution sources affect the economically challenged, women, and children. From the data she collects, Ms. Williams will develop an educational booklet and film as a model that any community or church can use to develop strategies to address environmental problems.

Ms. Andrews plans to travel to Israel, to formally and informally study Arabic, and research how language is used to dominate another group of people. She plans to examine in which situations Arabic or Hebrew is used and how the speakers control those situations. "By studying the use of Israel's principle languages, I will examine the Israeli's attempts to include or exclude, support or block the Palestinians," says Ms. Andrews.

Recent Hate Crimes Prompt Women's Division Action

October 19, 1998 -- Directors of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church spent some of their justice priorities committee time in Stamford, CT, at their annual meeting ironing out the details of Women's Division actions, which implement General Conference resolutions addressing hate crimes.

Women's Division directors voted to:

- encourage United Methodist Women members to organize and advocate for stronger hate crime laws,
- provide Biblically based resources that address hate crimes and intolerance,
- provide funding to local, community-based networks who educate for tolerance and support victims of hate crimes,
- track hate crimes across the nation, and

- educate United Methodist Women members and others about hate, language intolerance, stereotypes, prejudice/bigotry, and advocacy around these issues.

The Women's Division actions, brought to light by recent violent attacks, are in response to General Conference resolutions on global racism and its violation of human rights *(The Book of Resolutions,* pg. 256) and teens at risk who are dealing with questions of sexual orientation *(The Book of Discipline*, para 66 H).

Mission Personnel Put Faces and Stories with Their Projects

October 19, 1998 -- Torture in East Timor. Women on drugs in Brooklyn. Immigrants seeking legal status in Virginia. And, women working to revitalize their community and families in Philadelphia.

Four mission personnel put faces and stories with their projects dealing with these issues to help directors better understand what the funds of United Methodist Women support.

This year, the Women's Division voted to give $2.4 million to mission personnel, which include deaconesses, church and community center workers, US-2s and mission interns.

Rebecca Asedillo, is a deaconess and peace with justice educator. Asedillo's work stems from a General Conference resolution calling for increased awareness about the situation in East Timor. General Conference, which meets every four years, is the decision-making body of the United Methodist Church.

Allison Blount, a church and community-center worker, the only male working at the all-women Anchor House Women's Treatment Facility in Brooklyn, NY, uses the Christian-centered 12-step process to help its residents overcome substance abuse.

Laura Folkwein, is a US-2 or two-year young adult missioner within the country who works at Just Neighbors Ministry in Falls Creek, Virginia. A 3-year-old institution started by United Methodist Women members, Just Neighbors provides free immigration legal services.

Wendy Hudson, a mission intern who serves one year overseas and one year in the United States, is a community organizer, developer, and social services expert in the Frankford neighborhood of North Philadelphia, an economically destitute area.

"These examples are just a fraction of the work of mission personnel," says Connie Takamine, treasurer for the Women's Division. "But the broad range of work the mission personnel does around the world is an incredible witness to the presence of Jesus Christ."

The Women's Division represents United Methodist Women, a one-million member organization whose purpose is to foster spiritual growth, develop leaders and advocate for justice. Members raise more than $20 million a year for programs and projects related to women, children and youth in the United States and in more than 100 countries around the world.

Mission Update

Teen and College/University United Methodist Women Update

Program for Young UMWs

Directors voted on a new program for young United Methodist Women incorporates:

- information, education and training for current members on inviting and involving these age groups
- leadership development for the young women
- spiritual growth opportunities and hands-on mission experiences for these age groups
- resources and training materials.

Teen and college/university task forces have been working to develop these programs for two years. United Methodist Women will start to see the production of resources, materials, and information for working with these age groups and reaching out to them.

National Gathering of Teens and College/ University Women

On December 28-31, 2000, the Women's Division will sponsor a one-time national gathering of teen and college/university women and hope to draw up to 1000 participants. The purpose is to generate and sustain support, interest, and momentum for the emerging programs of this group in United Methodist Women. The location is still to be determined.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Harriette T. Elrod - Vice-President
Harriette T. Elrod was born in Williamston, South Carolina. She now resides in Tallulah, Louisiana, with her husband Col. Robert F. Elrod. They are the parents of Ida, Ann and Bob. They also have seven grandchildren. Educational backgrounds from Winthrop, Furman, Clemson, University of Georgia, and others awarded bachelor and masters' degrees. Retirement from Hinds Community College as a professor American History has allowed Harriette more time to enjoy UMW outreach programs at local, district, and conference levels. Serving on the Monroe District Ministry Team as Education Chairperson, she has developed many supportive relationships and grown in spiritual enrichment. Her sincere desire is to continue to serve in Christian mission for the Louisiana Conference.

Lou E. Medlock - Co-ordinator of Spiritual Growth
She is a member of Hope U.M.C. where she serves as Chairperson of Administrative Council and President of the United Methodist Women unit. Lou has served as Treasurer, Sect. Financial Interpretation, Christian Global Concerns of the Monroe District UMW and the Conference Co-ordinator of Supportive Community. She is on the Board of Directors of YMCA, Methodist Children Home, Ruston and is active in Arts Organizations in Monroe. Lou received a B.A. Degree from Southern University with further study at Atlanta University. She is a retired teacher having taught thirty years. Lou is married to William Medlock and they are the parents of two daughters and four grandchildren.

Ethel Ford Lilly - Co-ordinator of Social Action
She is married to Nathaniel and they are the parents of two daughters and two grandchildren. She is a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Mansfield. She serves as Sunday School teacher and secretary of the church. She also serves as president of her local UMW unit. Ethel has served on the district and conference level. She is a retired teacher, having taught for 39 years. Ethel received Bachelor degrees from Leland College, Grambling State University, Master's degree from Northwestern State University; further studies at LA Tech University, Southern University, Washington University of MO, and the University of South Dakota. She is a member of the Retired Teachers Association, serving as treasurer and is a volunteer for "Read with Me" at Mansfield Elementary School.

Fannie Perkins Reddix - Chairperson, Committee on Nominations
She has served on the conference executive team for eight years, as Secretary of Publicity and Conference Secretary. While serving as a conference representative to West Gulf Regional School Planning Team, she served one year as Secretary. Some of the other activities include: dean and assistant dean of our conference School of Christian Mission; assistant chairperson of DELT; assistant chairperson for the 1999 Conference Retreat; Local Arrangement chairperson, 1998 West Gulf School of Christian Mission; delegate to two South Central Jurisdiction Conferences, and at the 1996 conference she was elected as a Women's Division alternate. She is the vice president of her local unit, Mount Zion United Methodist Church in New Orleans. Fannie has a B.S. from Southern University, Baton Rouge; a M.S. from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana and her plus 30. She is a retired public school teacher of 33 years; and is currently working as an Adjunct Professor at Southern University in New Orleans. She is married to Dr. Roscoe C. Reddix, Sr.; the mother of three adult children and grandmother of four.

Registration & Housing Form

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
United Methodist Women
1999 Retreat
February 26, 27 & 28
Louisiana Conference Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

Name:_____

Mailing Address:_____

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City:_____

State:_____ Zip:_____

Phone No. ( )_____

Church:_____

District:_____

Names of Requested Roommates:

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Mark if applicable

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____Special Diet_____

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Send Registration Fee to:
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100 St. Clair
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Make check payable to:
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United Methodist Women

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 9

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
School of Christian Mission,
Fourth Annual Children's School of Christian Mission, and First Ever Teen Women's School of Christian Mission

Theme: "God's Timeless Word"

Wednesday, July 21 - Saturday, July 24, 1999
Louisiana Conference Retreat Center
Woodworth, Louisiana

Pat Cobb, 1999 Dean
Emily McCoy, 1999 Assistant Dean

School Bells will ring for the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women's School of Christian Mission, 4th Annual Children's SCM, and 1st Ever Teen Women's SCM, Wednesday - Saturday, July 21-24, 1999.

This is an excellent education for mission opportunity, a thumb's up experience for boys and girls age 7-13 years old and a great membership introduction and mission orientation for teen women ages 14-18.

The 1999 studies are:

Spiritual Growth: The Bible, part II
Mission in the 21st Century
Humanity Comes of Age

The Children's SCM continues to grow in popularity around the Conference as a source of Summer Christian education for mission, fun and friends. The first ever Teen Women's SCM will provide a wonderful introduction to the world of mission and open doors to membership for young women. Come, enjoy four days at the beautiful Louisiana Conference Retreat Center.

Scholarships will be available. More detailed information will appear in the Louisiana Methodist Review, the Conference UMW Newsletter and District UMW Newsletters.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!!

Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women announce a contest to create a new certificate to be given in honor of babies. There is presently a Gift to Mission Card that can be sent to recognize infants, but it was felt that a frameable certificate might be more widely used. The cost of the certificate to the giver would be the same as the card, $5.00. Permission was obtained from Women's Division to promote this endeavor.

Anyone can enter by submitting original drawing suitable for such a certificate on white paper. The certificate will be 5 x 7 inches.

The winning artist would receive a Special Recognition Pin and would be recognized at the Conference Annual Meeting in Baton Rouge in September.

The deadline for entering is March 15. Mail entries to Evelyn Evans, 100 St. Clair, Natchitoches, LA 71457-5132.

As we "labor into His harvest," there is good news and bad news. The good news is that six of the nine districts of Louisiana United Methodist Women met their conference pledge to mission. The bad news is that as a conference we still fell short of meeting our $260,000 pledge to Women's Division.

You can be sure that when the Conference Finance Committee meets this spring we will be looking for answers to the problem. In the meantime I would ask that you continue to give prayerfully and generously remembering the PURPOSE of our organization, its history, and the many lives it touches.

A complete financial report will be available in the Conference Directory when it comes out in February. If you have any questions about finances, please don't hesitate to call me or your district treasurer.

In His Name,
Evelyn Evans
Conference Treasurer

Coming Events

Mid-Year Executive Committee

- February 12-13
- Louisiana Conference Center

Retreat

- February 26-28
- Louisiana Conference Center
- Ch: Annette Fortuna
- Asst. Ch: Fannie Reddix

School of Christian Mission

- July 21-24
- La. Conference Center, Woodworth
- Dean: Pat Cobb
- Asst. Dean: Emily McCoy

Annual Meeting

- September 24-25
- First U.M.C., Baton Rouge

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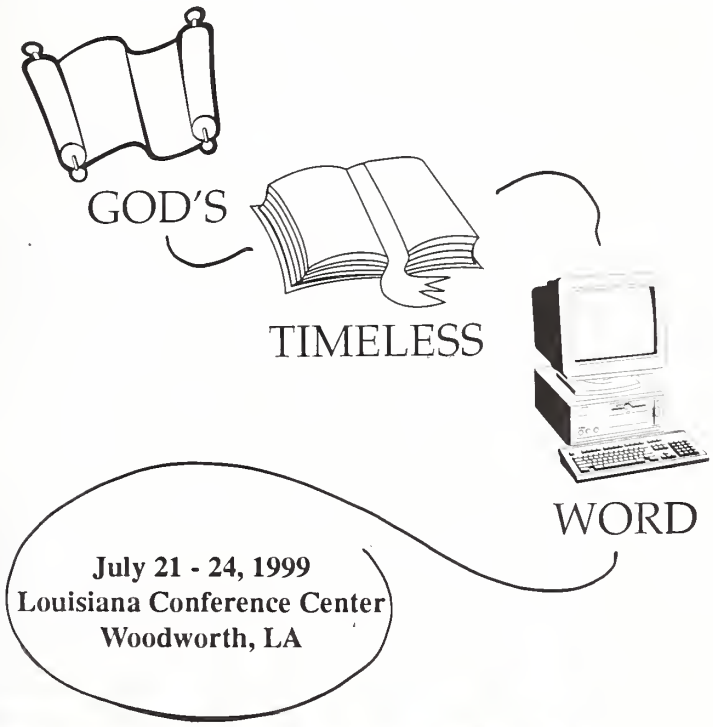


Pat Cobb
Dean

Emily O. McCoy
Asst. Dean

GOD'S TIMELESS WORD

Colossians 3:16 says, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."* (NSRV)

The Bible, the Word of God, and its timeless message has been read, preached, celebrated in song and liturgy and exemplified in myriad acts of love. Through the ages, the old, old stories have given vision to God's mission and have sent women on deeds of mercy.

Studies this year are: **The Bible: Part II, Authority and Interpretation; Mission in the Twenty-first Century and Humanity Comes of Age. Youth will participate with adults in the Bible study and will have separate classes for Mission in the 21st Century. Children will also study Mission in the 21st Century.**

What are the challenges in God's world as we enter the next millennium? Can we hear the Word speak to us as we seek to discern our calling in the timeless words?

Did you ever want to be a pioneer? This is your chance. Unlike many pioneers of the past, we do not have to endure hardships, rugged terrain, or rustic accommodations. The Conference Team is excited to have the school at our **own Conference Center for the first time.** If you have not had the opportunity to visit these outstanding facilities, you are in for a treat. All rooms have two double beds and private bath. **Linens are furnished.** There are no hills, and all buildings are within easy walking distance. Registration and related information is located elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Hear God's Word! Go Forth!

It has been a joy to observe the changing of the seasons as I have traveled the highways between Arcadia and the Louisiana Conference Center. The bleakness of winter is past and spring has arrived with a burst of varying colors that can be seen in the yellow jasmines, the redbuds, and the dogwoods.

Enjoy the beauty of spring, but make your plans to attend School of Christian Mission this summer. Pat Cobb, Dean and Emily McCoy, Assistant Dean have been hard at work making plans for this important event. You will find all the necessary information in this Newsletter. There are some changes for 1999, so read carefully for all the details.

Join me in July and travel the highways that lead to the Louisiana Conference Center and the Louisiana School of Christian Mission.

Elouise Sanders
Conference President

The Learning Center

This Learning Center will be an exciting compliment to the Christian mission education experience. The district displays will highlight the 1999-00 studies. The learning center displays will be interactive and offer hands on learning.

Display Set Up and Take Down

The Learning Center will be located in the main building, along the hallway. A table will be provided for each district. Please bring extension cords, table covering and backdrops needed for your display. Displays are to be set up and in place, ready for viewing by 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 21, 1999 during registration and taken down no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 1999.

The Learning Center assignments are:

The Bible, part II Tell us the stories of Jesus - Authority and Interpretation for Children and Youth — **North Shore**

The Bible, part II The Key to Life — **Monroe**

The Bible, part II Bible Study on the Internet - New Ways to Learn — **Alexandria**

Mission in the 21st Centry A New Look at our Purpose — **Baton Rouge**

Mission in the 21st Century Focus on Women, Children and Youth — **Ruston**

Mission in the 21st Century To All the World — **Lake Charles**

Humanity Comes of Age The Needs of Women in all stages of life — **Acadiana**

Humanity Comes of Age Preparing youth & children for a new day — **New Orleans**

Humanity Comes of Age The new sunrise and sunset - Child & Elder — **Shreveport**

The 1999 Mission Studies

Spiritual Growth:
The Bible: The Book that bridges the Millennia Part II: Authority and Interpretation
The study will explore ways of understanding the Bible in light of how it was written, compiled and interpreted over the centuries, from the earliest centuries to the 20th century, and in many contexts across the world.

This study will seek to help participants gain greater understanding of the Bible as partner in their spiritual journeys.

Geographical:
"Mission in the 21st Century" - replaces the Cuba study, while maintaining a geographical focus, explores current and emerging mission concepts.
As we enter the new century, it's the right time to seriously consider the changing realities in order to respond to God's call to be in mission. This will include identifying and celebrating changing trends and challenges in mission within the global context, breaking stereotype of missions and missionaries, reflecting on mission as revealed through Scripture, Christian tradition and experience.

General Issue Study:
"Humanity Comes of Age" - will look at contributions and challenges of a population living longer into maturity.
The reality of the world-wide 'revolution of long life' poses tremendous challenges for individuals and societies. The study will provide a forum where members of the Christian community can explore ways to be in mission with and for those affected by this population shift.
1999 is the International Year of the Older Adult

Fun Night
New and Unique Mission Fun!

The 1999 Fun Night will be Thursday, July 22, 1999. It is going to be a blast from the past and a look into the future. Look forward to a unique and wonderful evening.

Rita M. Parham
Louisiana Conference U.M.W.
Communications Coordinator

Explanation of Logo

God's timeless word is the thread between the ages from ancient manuscripts to the traditional Bible to the word on-line in the 21st Century. This drawing represents the progression of the way humanity receives God's word.

SCHEDULE FOR 1999 SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION

Wednesday

9:00 AM to Noon	Arrival/Registration
11:00 - 11:45	First Timers; Learning Center
12 Noon LUNCH	
1:15 - 2:15	Gathering
2:30 - 3:30	Class - Bible
3:45 - 4:45	Class
5:00 - 5:45	Choir Practice
6:00 PM DINNER	
7:15 - 8:30	UMW Focus

Thursday

8:15 - 8:45	Worship & Gathering
9:00 - 11:00	Class
11:00 - 12:00	Learning Center; Choir Practice
12 Noon LUNCH	
1:15 - 3:15	Class - Bible
3:15 - 4:00	Quiet Time
4:00 - 6:00	Class
6:00 PM DINNER	
7:30 till	Celebration/Fellowship

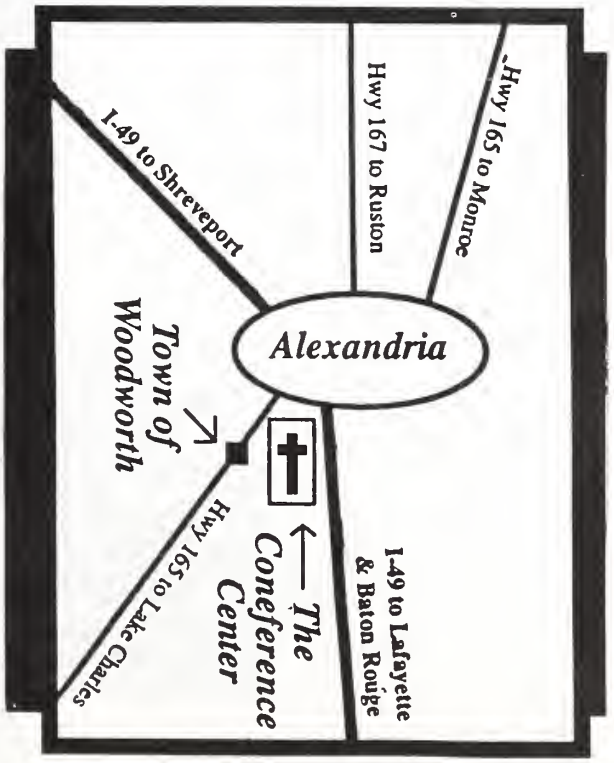
Friday

8:15 - 8:45	Worship & Gathering
9:00 - 11:00	Class - Bible
11:00 - 12:00	Learning Center Workshop for those planning to lead studies
12 Noon LUNCH	
1:15 - 3:15	Class
3:15 - 4:00	Quiet Time; Choir Practice
4:00 - 6:00	Class - Bible
6:00 PM Dinner	
7:15 - 8:30	Children/Youth
8:30 - 9:00	Women's Div. Update

Saturday

8:00 - 9:15	Class
9:30 - 10:30	Class - Bible
10:45	Closing Worship & Communion

Morning Praise: 6:45 am; Breakfast 7:00



Registration and Housing Information

Housing at Conference Center

Rooms will be filled on a first-come first-served basis. All rooms have two double beds and bath. There are a limited number of first floor accommodations. Please note special needs on registration form. Cost is based on number of persons per room and includes meals and registration. There must be at least one adult in the room with children or youth. The cost for adults/youth is as follows:

4 to a room	$105.00 per person
3 to a room	$125.00 per person
2 to a room	$150.00 per person

The cost for each child is half the adult/youth cost.

Alternate Housing Arrangements

A block of rooms has been reserved at Howard Johnson Motel, Air Base Road Exit off I-49 north of Alexandria. Cost is based on the number of persons per room and includes meals and registration. There must be at least one adult in the room with children or youth. The cost for adults/youth is as follows:

4 to a room	$95.00 per person
3 to a room	$105.00 per person
2 to a room	$125.00 per person

The cost for each child is half the adult/youth cost.

Please register together if at all possible. If at the last minute, one or more persons in a group are unable to attend, others in that room must pay the difference in room rates.

Anyone not a member of the School Committee or Conference Officer, who comes early due to car pool shall pay $15 per night for room and pay extra meals as you go through the serving line.

Because of the cafeteria style arrangements for preparing and serving food, special diets are not available. Care will be taken to try and provide low fat, low sodium items at meals.

All participants are required to register and pay the $10 registration fee for insurance coverage from the time you leave your home, throughout your stay, to your return home.

OFFERING - The offering taken at the School of Mission will be undesignated.

Children & Youth - Bring swim suit, beach towel and sun screen.

DIRECTIONS:

FROM BATON ROUGE, take I-10 West toward Lafayette, exit North on I-49. From I-49, take the Woodworth exit, follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (105 miles)

FROM NEW ORLEANS, take I-10 West toward Lafayette, exit North on I-49. From I-49, take the Woodworth exit, follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (182 miles)

FROM SHREVEPORT, take I-49 South through Alexandria. Take the Woodworth exit, and follow the signs to the lake and buildings. (129 miles)

INTRODUCING THE 1999 SCHOOL O

MISSION IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

Jane G. Bandy

Jane grew up as a Preacher's Kid in Northwest Texas. She graduated from McMurry University and taught school for fifteen years in Texas, Colorado and Kansas. Active in church work all her life, she married a Methodist minister and spent her life in Methodist parsonages. She attended Women's Society meetings with her mother because baby-sitters were unknown then.

She continues to be active in her local church, having served many offices and is currently the President of the UMW. She recently retired from serving fifteen years on the Executive Committee of the Kansas West Conference. During that time she held many different offices, elected and appointed. She represented her Conference at the National Seminar in Columbus, Ohio, and attended the World Federation of Methodist Women in Singapore.

Her hobbies are reading, writing, working on geneology, and spoiling grandchildren. She and her husband, Tom, who retired a few years ago, are parents of four grown sons and have eight grandchildren.

Rev. Clifton Conrad, Sr.

Clifton was born in Baton Rouge and received a B.S. degree in Education from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1980 and a M.E. in Guidance and Counseling from USL in 1985. He completed the Basic Course of Study certification in ministry at Perkins School of Theology in 1998. He pastors the Calvary UMC in Thibodaux and is employed as Counselor/Coordinator at the Vocational/Technical School for Lafayette Parish.

He is the immediate past president of the Acadiana District United Methodist Men, the Vice President of the National Fellowship of Associates and Local Pastors for the LA Conference; Religion and Race representative for the Acadiana District Ministry Team and Vice President of Membership for Phi Delta Kappa educational fraternity. He and his wife, Kathleen, have two children; Clifton, Jr. age 20 and Chantel, age 15.

Annette Fortuna

Annette has been active in the LA conference in many capacities: She just retired as Spiritual Growth Coordinator and has long been in demand as song leader and retreat leader. She is currently the Children's Minister at Lea Joyner UMC in Monroe, sings in the Chancel Choir and is on the Missions committee; she serves as Membership Nurture and Outreach for her local unit of UMW.

Annette and her husband, Dave, who is the pastor of Lea Joyner, have two grown daughters, Misty and Wendy.

Leora E. Hatch

"Lee" lives in south Texas, between San Antonio and Austin. She and her husband are members of the FIrst UMC of New Braunfels, Texas, where Lee serves the United Methodist Women unit as treasurer. While living in Miami, Florida for 37 years she worked with United Methodist Women at all levels, including President of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Core Planning Group and Dean of the Florida Conference School of Christian Mission. In 1992 Lee completed eight years as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries. She has traveled to countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, Central America and the Caribbean.

Lee was a piano teacher for thirty years. She attended Miami-Dade Community College and has had many years of study and educational opportunities in the organization. She and her retired meteorologist husband have three children, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Rev. Donald C. Cottrill

Don was born in Huntington, West Virginia and received an A.B. in music from Marshall University, a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University and a Doctor of Ministry from Perkins School of Theology; SMU in Dallas. He was married to the late Rebecca Doyle Cottrill and has two grown daughters, Cynthia and Caitlin. Don comes from a family of Methodist ministers, having a sister and two brothers in the ministry. He has served on the General Board of Discipleship and many other capacities in the LA Conference, including Conference Council Director; he is presently the senior pastor of Aldersgate UMC in Slidell.

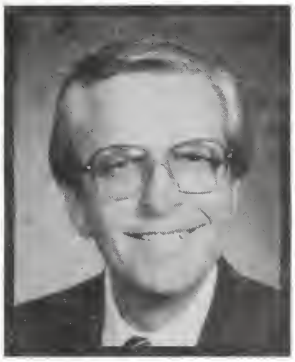
F CHRISTIAN MISSION TEACHERS

HUMANITY COMES OF AGE

Audrey Rosser Milo
Audrey is an assistant Professor in the College of Health, Education and Human Development at Clemson University in South Carolina. She earned a B.S. degree in Public School Music from Fort Valley State University, a Masters degree in Administration-Supervision from Louisiana State University and a Doctor of Education in Adult Education-Multicultural Education from the University of Georgia.

She is the surviving spouse of Rev. Howard L. Milo, an elder in the LA Conference for 25 years. During those years Audrey served in local, district and conference offices of UMW, was a retreat leader, speaker and study leader in district and conference Schools of Christian Mission. She has been a study leader in the Central Texas, Holston (Tennessee), Louisiana, Mississippi, North Alabama, North Georgia and South Georgia conferences; United Nations Interpreter for Women's Division (1984-1988); President of Church Women United in Louisiana; and a member of the Executive Council of Church Women United in the USA.

Audrey has two children and seven grandchildren. She lives in Cornelia, Georgia.



Rev. J. Philip Woodland
Phil was born in Alexandria, LA and has a B.A. degree from Louisiana State University; a B.D. degree from Yale Divinity School and an honorary D.D. degree from Centenary College. He has served pastorates in many areas of Louisiana, having retired as Superintendent of the Monroe District in 1997. In retirement, he serves as Minister of Visitation at University UMC in Baton Rouge.

He was a delegate to four General and Jurisdictional Conferences; a member of the General Board of Church and Society; LA Conference Board of Global Ministries, Church and Society, Pensions, and Commission on Role and Status of Women.

Phil and his wife, Madeline, have three children and three grandchildren.

Barbara Murray
Barbara is the daughter of a retired United Methodist minister and a Diaconal Minister presently working as the New Orleans District Missioner. She is a cum laude graduate of Dillard University with an undergraduate degree in music education; she has a masters degree in music education and secondary education from Northeast Louisiana University. As a recipient of a United Methodist Ministries in Higher Education summer grant, she studied at Cairo University in Cairo, Egypt. A.R.E. Her Diaconal training was completed at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist Univeristy in Dallas.

She has received numerous honors and awards as a teacher and performer. She also sang at Carnegie Hall with the world renowned New World Ensemble of New Orleans.

Donna J. Paustian
Donna is a native of Kansas and has lived in Texas since 1963. She has a B.A. in English and she and her husband, Carl, have two sons and three grandchildren. Donna has held numerous district and conference offices in the church and UMW. She served on the General Board of Global Ministries for 8 years and is now a consultant for the Women's Division for the Membership Campaign until 2002. She has also been active in Church Women United and the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Donna has served as a study leader in several Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission. She has been a delegate to the last four Jurisdictional Conferences. Donna is also a tutor for Hispanic and Asian children.

YOUTH STUDY
"Mission in the 21st Century

Kathleen Conrad
Kathleen was born in Geneva, New York and attended Central Missouri State University. She is married to Rev. Clifton C. Conrad, Sr., the pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church in Thibodaux, LA, where she is a member. She is the mother of two children, Chantel and Clifton Conrad Jr., and is employed as a receptionist for Acadiana Otolaryngology Group in Lafayette, LA.

Kathleen serves as a coordinator of a teen United Methodist Women circle called "Little Women" and is a member of the church choir. She is a certified lay speaker of the Louisiana Conference and has served as treasurer and secretary in the local unit of United Methodist Women.

She presently is a member of the Acadiana District Inclusivity committee and chairs the Louisiana Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women. She currently serves as an additional member of the South Central Jurisdiction Core Planning Group and is a Reading Program evaluator. Kathleen enjoys sewing, cooking, traveling, writing poetry, reading and photography.

LEADERS FOR CHILDREN
"Mission in the 21st Century

Linda Berg
Linda is a Director of Christian Education at St. Luke's UMC in New Orleans. She attended the University of New Orleans and Perkins School of Theology for certification studies in Christian Education. She has been a Disciple Bible Study Leader and has led many workshops for Vacation Bible School and Christian Education Training.

Linda is married with two grown daughters and is a member of First UMC in Covington.

Barbara Hamilton
Barbara is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. She is presently serving as Director of Christian Education at Philip's Memorial UMC in New Orleans. Rev. Hamilton's special gifts are in children's ministries and early childhood. She has served in the United Methodist Women's organization for many years at local, district and conference levels.

Barbara is a retired teacher. She is the widow of the late Rev. John D. V. Hamilton, Jr. and the mother of Chenise Nicole Hamilton.

MUSIC LEADERS

Juanita Ivie
Our song leader is a retired deaconess/diaconal minister. She is a former staff member of the General Board of Global Ministries; General Board of Discipleship and former superintendent of Sager-Brown School. She has served at the local and district levels of WSCS/UMW in Southern California and New Orleans. She has taught in Schools of Christian Mission in California, Louisiana, North Georgia, North Alabama, Eastern Pennsylvania and the Mid Atlantic Reigional School.

She has been a paid soloist and choir director and is presently a member of Gretna UMC in the New Orleans District.

Betty Rowell
Our pianist was born in Shreveport and grew up in the Cedar Grove UMC. She has a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education and a M.Ed with Adapted Physical Education. She teaches Adapted Physical Education in Marrero, LA., and is an evaluator for motor assessments in Jefferson Parish.

Betty has held local and district offices in United Methodist Women and was chair of the Louisiana Annual Conference Commission of the Status and Role of Women. She is involved in the music program in her church as a member of the choir and substitute organist. She is a member of Kenner UMC where her husband, Rev. Bill Rowell, is pastor. Betty is also active in Cursillo and Kairos. She and Bill have two grown children, Adena and Morgan.

1999 D. E. L. T.
District Elected Leadership Training

Theme:
"LR2000:
Leadership Training for the
New Millennium"

Saturday, October 16, 1999
Louisiana Conference Center
for Spiritual Renewal
Woodworth, LA

Plan for Breakfast on Your Own

Devotion: 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

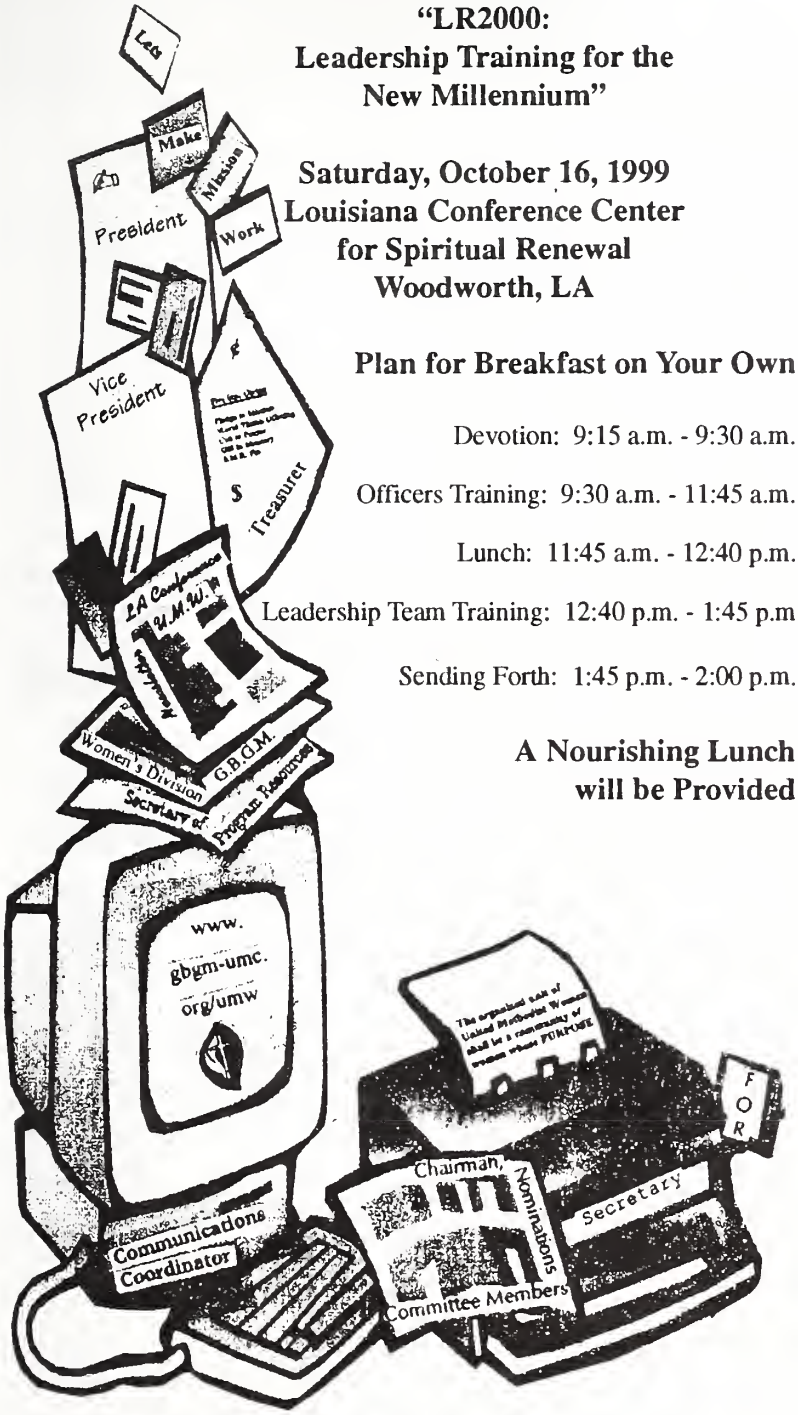
Officers Training: 9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Lunch: 11:45 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Leadership Team Training: 12:40 p.m. - 1:45 p.m

Sending Forth: 1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A Nourishing Lunch
will be Provided



South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

QUADRENNIAL MEETING

Hosting:
Core Planning Group & Nominating Committee
Oklahoma Conference
&
Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference
Date: March 17-19, 2000
Tulsa, OK

Theme:
"Leading the Way in God's Mission"

Scripture: II Corinthians 2:14
But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him.

Mission statement
Knowing God, empowered by the Holy Spirit for mission, the United Methodist Women of the South Central Jurisdiction gather to study, learn,elect leaders and to vision for the future.

Spiritual Enrichment · Fellowship
· Music · Workshops · Food
· Tours and much, much more

Remember the motto:
One Thousand in Two Thousand

Make your plans now to attend!
Everyone Welcome!

THE ESTELLE DAMERON SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP

The Louisiana Conference of United Methodist Women annually provides interested women an opportunity to attend its School of Christian Mission through the Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship was founded in 1981 and honors the late Estelle Darsey Dameron, 1906 - 1996. The scholarship continues to grow in Mrs. Dameron's honor through gifts, special offerings, and yearly contributions from local UMW units. This tradition is even more important as we prepare for mission in the year 2000 and beyond.

The Membershp Nurture & Outreach Committee is encouraging young, seasoned, energetic, single, married, employed, homemakers, students or newly retired women to apply for a scholarship. Applicants can come from a large or small unit and we will also consider persons other than members of United Methodist Women. Getting women interested in mission at an early age and at new life stages is one way to insure the vitality and growth of an educated, mission minded membership. Please urge women in these age/interest categories to apply. All applicants should indicate a willingness to attend and participate fully in all activities of the school. One applicant per unit should send a completed application form with a written statement entitled: **I want to attend the School of Christian Mission because . . .**

Applications must be postmarked by May 31, 1999 and mailed to:

Brenda Canty
3509 North 38th Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Estelle Dameron School of Christian Mission Scholarship Application

Name of Applicant_____ Phone ( )_____

Applicant's Address_____ State____Zip_____

Unit (church) Name_____ District_____

Unit President or Contact Person_____

President or Church Address_____ State____Zip_____

(1) Has applicant attended a School of Christian Mission before?

☐Yes

☐No

(2) Applicant's age grouping:

☐High School ☐under 35

☐36-50 ☐51 and older

(3) Employment:

☐Fulltime ☐Part time

☐Retired ☐Student ☐Homemaker

(4)Applicant's choice of study:

☐Mission in the 21st Century ☐ Humanity Comes of Age

Include a written statement: **I want to attend the School of Christian Mission** because . . . (A separate sheet may be used)

1999 Mission Education Events

Saturday, August 7, 1999

Baton Rouge District 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Details T.B.A.

New Orleans District 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mt. Zion UMC
2700 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans
Host Unit President: Mrs. Myraline Jamison

Saturday, August 14, 1999

Monroe District 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Memorial UMC
Sherrouse Ave., Monroe
Host President: Vera Bulloch;
Sandy DeCelle, Dean

Ruston District 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Douglas UMC, Ruston
Host Unit President: Altha Crofoot;
Maxie Garrett, Dean;
Kitty DeFreese, Asst. Dean

Saturday, August 22, 1999

Shreveport District 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
N. Highlands U.M.C.
835 Poleman Rd., Shreveport
Yvonne Young, Dean

Sunday, August 23, 1999

Lake Charles District 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Squires UMC
Hwy. 171 North, Ragley
Mary Alice Trent, Dean;
Jeroldean Dommert, Asst. Dean

Saturday, August 28, 1999

Acadiana District 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Trinity UMC
101 Main Street/Hwy. 90, Baldwin
Host Unit President and Dean:
Alva Charatain

North Shore District 9 a.m. - 12 N
E.S.M. UMC
510 Avenue B, Bogalusa
Host Unit President: Lois Mitchell;
Fran Thigpen, Dean;
Louella Jackson, Asst. Dean

Alexandria District
Contact your D.E.L. Team for information.

Send Registration & Housing Form to:
Evelyn Evans
100 St. Clair • Natchitoches, LA 71457
BY JULY 5TH
Make Check Payable to:
Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women
(Cost is explained on page 3
Dependent on number in room)

ADULT REGISTRATION
School of Christian Mission
July 21 - 24, 1999
Louisiana Conference Center

Name:_____
Address:_____
City:_____ Zip:_____
Phone No. ( )_____
Church:_____District:_____

Check all that apply:
[ ]First Time [ ]Need first floor room
[ ]Rooming with child [ ]Staying at home
[ ]Executive Committee
[ ]District Officer
[ ]Arriving Monday
[ ]Tuesday [ ]Wednesday

[ ]Conference Center Room
[ ]Howard Johnson Room
Roommates preferred _____
_____
_____

Studies: Choose one of the following:
[ ]Mission in the 21st Century
[ ]Humanity Comes of Age

Everyone participates in the study:
The Bible: Its Authority & Interpretation

CHILDREN'S REGISTRATION

Name:_____
Sex:_____ Age:_____
Address:_____
City:_____ Zip:_____
Phone No. ( )_____
Church:_____District:_____
Name of Adult rooming with you:
_____

*Children must be 7 to 12 years old

YOUTH REGISTRATION

Name:_____
Age:_____
Address:_____
City:_____ Zip:_____
Phone No. ( )_____
Church:_____District:_____
Name of Adult rooming with you:
_____

*Youth must be 13 to 17 years old

All Youth participate in the study:
Mission in the 21st Century

Program Resources

As we come to a close of a four-year cycle in Program Resources, I can ask where did all the time go? I can remember the start of this (getting into Program Resources) and praying - "Lord be with me." My help has certainly come from the Lord. (Psalms 121)

As we dawn on the close of the cycle, all I do is thank God for the help and thank God for all of you. Each one of you in the Conference has touched my life in some way and I have been blessed by it.

School of Mission at the Conference center will be a new experience and we pray a blessed experience. Certainly Centenary will be missed, but some of us will be there for Regional School to say our good-byes.

Look for us at the Conference Center. We will have a new look.

Respectfully,
Gwen Streams

Coming Events

School of Christian Mission
- July 21-24
- La. Conference Center, Woodworth
- Dean: Pat Cobb
- Asst. Dean: Emily McCoy

Mission Today Event
- August 21
- La. Conference Center
- For all Elected Conference and District Officers
- Evelyn Evans - Chair.
- Muriel Miller - Asst. Chair

Annual Meeting
- September 24-25
- First U.M.C., Baton Rouge
- Betty Pope - Chair
- Rita Parham - Asst. Chair

D. E. L. T.
- October 16
- La. Conference Center
- Rita Parham - Chair
- Brenda Canty - Asst. Chair

Studies and Resources Available on the Internet

The General Board of Global Ministries has worked very hard to develop a great Internet Home Page with resources for study, worship, and mission information. Internet Resources are listed for your "web Surfing" pleasure.

1999 SCM Internet Resources

General Board of Global Ministries Home Page
http://gbgm-umc.org
Note: Select United Methodist Women or Women's Division for UMW Home Page.

Schools of Christian Mission
http://198.139.157.2/umw/schools.html

Spiritual Growth Study
1996-1997 **John Wesley: Holiness of Heart & Life**
http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/wesley/

1997-1998 **Joshua and the Land**
http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/joshua/

The Bible: The Book that Bridges the Millennia
1998-1999 **Part 1: Origins and Formation**
1999-2000 **Part 2: Interpretation & Authority**
http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/Bible/

1999 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Acadiana	November 6	Sager-Brown Baldwin
Alexandria	October 9	Winnfield UMC
Baton Rouge	November 6	Ingleside UMC Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	October 30	Leesville UMC
Monroe	October 9	Memorial UMC Bastrop
New Orleans	October 9	Cornerstone UMC New Orleans
North Shore	November 6	Denham Springs UMC
Ruston	October 30	Homer UMC
Shreveport	October 10	First UMC Bossier City

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"Mission 2000: Feed My Sheep"

Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting
September 24 - 25, 1999

First United Methodist Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

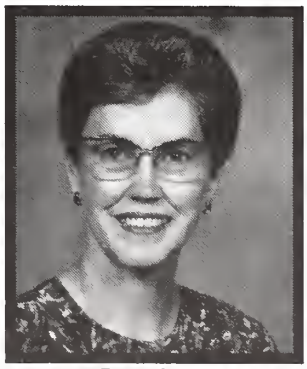
The 26th Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference UMW will convene at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of 1st UMC in Baton Rouge, LA, Friday, September 24, 1999. A processional of conference officers, dignitaries and district presidents will signal the beginning of the meeting. The theme for the meeting, the last of this century, is "MISSION 2000: FEED MY SHEEP" based on scripture from John 21:15-17.

Conference President Elouise Sanders will preside over the meeting, with members and guests welcomed by Rev. Chris Andrews, pastor of host church; Betty Pope, Baton Rouge District UMW president and Alice Stevens, host church UMW president. Rev. Leslie Norris, Baton Rouge District Superintendent, has another commitment on Friday afternoon but sends his greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting.

At the close of the Friday afternoon session Bishop Dan Solomon along with his wife Joy will hold an open house at the Louisiana Conference Headquarters, located just a few short blocks from 1st UMC. He has graciously invited all to come and see these lovely offices and will provide shuttle service for those who desire it.

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Mrs. Sara Shingler, president of Women's Division. We will hear her on Friday night and again on Saturday morning, as she addresses the issues United Methodist Women will encounter as we carry our tradition of mission into the 21st century.

Betty Pope and Rita Parham are co-chairing the meeting. Chairperson of local arrangements is Cooky Coffey, assisted by a group of dedicated ladies committed to making this one of the best annual meetings ever. We all are looking forward to seeing you in September. *Betty & Rita*



Betty Pope
Co-Chairperson

Rita Parham
Co-Chairperson

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

The twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference United Methodist Women will be held on September 24-25, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

The theme for the meeting is "Mission 2000: Feed My Sheep" based on John 21:15-17. This is a challenging theme for United Methodist Women as we approach a new century, one with new opportunities to be in mission anywhere people are in need. God reminds us anew to "feed my sheep."

The Annual Meeting Task Force is chaired by Betty Pope, President of the Baton Rouge District; assistant chairperson is Rita Parham, Conference Communications Coordinator; and Cooky Coffey is in charge of local arrangements.

Sara Shingler, President of the Women's Division, will be the featured speaker on Friday night and the Saturday morning session.

Part of the business of Annual Meeting is the election of leadership. In accordance with the Conference Standing Rules, the slate of nominees is listed in this publication.

Voting membership is composed of the following: members of the Conference Executive Committee, District Elected Leaders, the spouse of the resident Bishop, President of all predecessor organizations and delegates from local units. Local units are represented on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof provided each unit , regardless of size, shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Membership of each local unit is determined according to the current Annual Report and Directory, unless corrections are given to the conference president sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting.

Something extra has been added to the agenda for Friday afternoon. Bishop Solomon has invited the UMW to tour the Conference Offices after the Friday afternoon session. Transportation will be provided to and from First United Methodist Church, so plan to take advantage of this special opportunity.

Come One! Come All! to First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, September 24-25, 1999. Explore with your United Methodist sisters our "Mission 2000: Feed My Sheep."

Elouise Sanders
Conference President

More About Annual Meeting

Please fill out the registration form included in this newsletter and send the entire form to Evelyn Evans. Be sure to include your check in the amount of $5.00. Everyone who attends must pay this fee because it includes the insurance that will cover you from the time you leave home, throughout the meeting, and your return home. Also, please be sure to indicate if you will be needing child care and check the boxes that will let us know what meals you will be eating at First United Methodist Church. This will help us in planning the food. Remember, we will not have a banquet this year but, after the Friday afternoon session, there will be a North Boulevard Walking Tour and Bishop Dan Solomon has extended an invitation to visit the Conference Headquarters, 527 North Boulevard.

Transportation will be available for those who will need it. For your convenience, after the North Boulevard Walking Tour and Headquarters Visit, consider staying for an early evening meal catered on site by Dillon-Poche Caterers. The menu is:

Sensation Salad, Chicken Pasta Alfredo,
Rolls, Dessert, and Tea

Service will begin about 5:00 p.m. If you would like to dine at the church, be sure to check the box for Catered Evening Meal and include your $10.00 payment with registration. If districts would like to dine together, for seating request, please contact Betty Pope at (225) 654-5059. The Catered Evening Meal must be prepaid with registration in order to provide the hostesses with an accurate count for the caterer. Plan to visit the Devotion Room available for a few prayerful minutes of quiet.

On Saturday morning an offering will be received to be used in mission work so please be prepared to contribute to this important gift. Also remember the "Mission Candle" and "One Second of Your Time" which are meaningful ways to honor loved ones, increase our gift to mission, and keep the Mission Candle burning the entire time of the Annual Meeting. Registration will begin at First United Methodist Church in the church gymnasium at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 24, 1999, and continue until 12:15 p.m. First UMC is located at 930 North Boulevard, you will be directed to parking and the entrance at 919 America St. Signs will be posted to direct you to the registration tables.

District Quilts will be displayed at the District registration table. A sandwich lunch will be provided in the gymnasium. The lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. Delegates and guests will gather at the church again for the Evening Session at 6:45 p.m., program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

A Continental Breakfast will be available on Saturday morning, September 25, 1999. Following the Worship Service that morning, a sandwich lunch will again be provided. Please remember to indicate on the registration form the meals you will be eating and include payment for the Friday Catered Evening Meal at First UMC.

A post-executive committee meeting will be held in the School Dining Room immediately following the Communion Service and will include all newly elected conference officers as well as retiring officers.

Baton Rouge District UMW is a district with Southern Hospitality and Charm, Old South Beauty, a delicious blend of Creole, African, French and Spanish cuisine, accented with Cajun spice, and is a district known for an all-around great time with Red Carpet treatment.

WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN BATON ROUGE!!

PROGRAM: "MISSION 2000: FEED MY SHEEP"
Scripture: John 21:15-17
Theme Hymn: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

Friday Afternoon: 1:00 p.m.

Prelude	Lamar Drummonds
Processional	
Invocation	Brenda Canty
Convening of 26th Annual Meeting	Elouise Sanders
Affirming Our Purpose	Helen Allemond
Welcome	
Hymn - *"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"*	verses 1 & 2
Recognition of Visitors	Elouise Sanders
Presentation of Program	Betty Pope and Rita Parham
Lighting of Mission Candle	Marielouise Alexander
Hymn - *"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"*	verses 3 & 4
Opening Meditation	Harriett Elrod
Special Music	

BREAK

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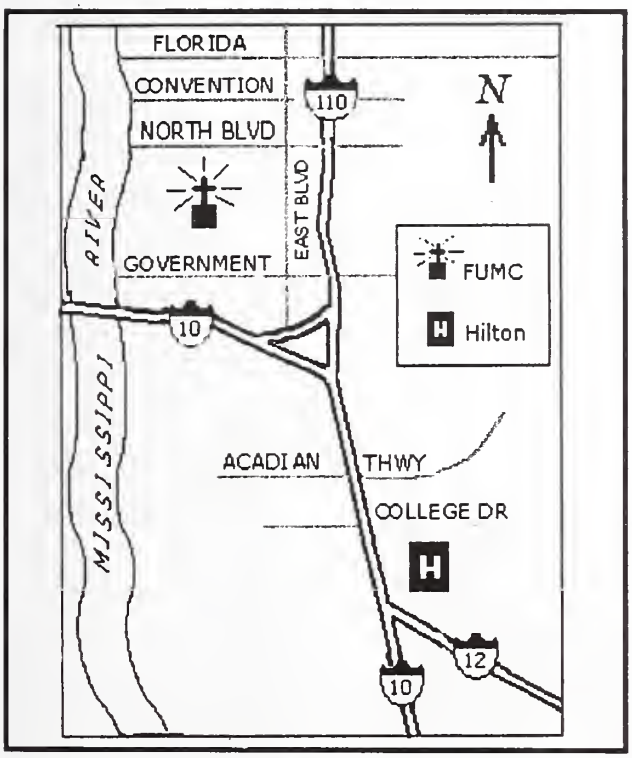
BUSINESS SESSION

Mission Team Report	Conference Officers
Election of Officers	Fannie Reddix
Greetings from Jurisdiction	Kathleen Conrad
Church Women United	
Project Reports	
Honoring of Retiring Officers	Ethel Vicks

CLOSE OF AFTERNOON SESSION

NOTE: At the close of the afternoon session, approximately 4:30, Bishop Dan Solomon has invited all ladies to tour the Conference Headquarters, located just a few short blocks from 1st UMC. It's within walking distance if you like to walk, and transportation will be provided for those who wish to ride. Bishop and Mrs. Solomon, along with the office staff, will be on hand to welcome you and to conduct tours of the facility.



To reach 1st UMC from the Hilton Hotel, take I-10 north/ west past the exit that would take you west over the 1-10 Mississippi River Bridge. Shortly after this exit, get in the left hand lane and exit at the Convention St. exit. Upon exiting, veer left onto East Blvd. and the church is less than 1 block ahead.

Friday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

Program - *A Century of United Methodist Women*

Introduction of Speaker	Doris Brown
Message	Sara Shingler
Sending Forth	Elouise Sanders

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Saturday Morning: 8:30 a.m.

UMW Sings	Karen Phillips
Morning Message	Rev. Alice Story
Pledge Service	Evelyn Evans
Offertory Prayer/Offering	Evelyn Evans
Report of Registration	Cooky Coffey
Special Mission Recognition	Elouise Sanders
Message	Sara Shingler
Installation of Officers	Wilma Crosby
Invitation for 2000 Annual Meeting	

BREAK

Special Music	
Morning Prayer	Rev. Jan Holloway
Communion Meditation	
Holy Communion	Rev. Chris Andrews
Benediction	
Postlude	

HOUSING INFORMATION
BATON ROUGE HILTON
5500 Hilton Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Exit I-10 at College Dr.
Telephone (225) 924-5000 or 1-800-HILTONS
Fax (225) 925-1330

Room Rates $74.00 plus 11% tax (1 or 2 persons)
3 persons - $84.00 4 persons - $94.00

Reservation Deadline: September 8, 1999
(Tell the reservation clerk you are with United Methodist Women)

The church is directly adjacent to Interstate I-110 and takes up the entire block made up of East Blvd., North Blvd., Maximilian St., and America St. Below are directions to reach the church from the interstate system. Coming from the New Orleans area, you would take I-10 North until the split where it joins I-110 from Hammond. Continue north and west at this point and then follow the directions below to exit. If you are coming from north, take either I-49 and link up with I-10 west of Baton Rouge, or take I-55 and link up with I-110 east of Baton Rouge. If you are familiar with Baton Rouge and are not going to use the interstate, just get to North Blvd. or Government St. and head for downtown. After you cross under the interstate, the first street you will come to is East Blvd. and you will be within one or two blocks, respectively, of the church.

The church office phone number is (225) 383-4777 and the Fax number is (225) 383-4045.

Coming from the north on I-110 take the Exit 1A/ Government St.. Take a right onto Government St. and then at the next light, take a right on East Blvd. The church will be 2 blocks down.

Coming from the west on I-10 cross over the bridge and stay in the left lane. This will put you on I-110 North. Staying in the left lane will put you into the Convention St. Exit. Upon entering, veer left onto East Blvd. and the church is less than 1 block ahead.

Coming from the east or south on I-10/I-12 **go past** the exit that would take you west over the I-10 bridge. Shortly after this exit, get in the left hand lane and get off at the Convention St. exit. Upon exiting, veer left onto East Blvd. and the church is less than 1 block ahead.

PROGRAM I

We are indeed fortunate to have as guest speaker MRS. SARA S. SHINGLER, president of Women's Divison and national president of United Methodist Women. A native of Rock Hill, South Carolina, she has a B.S. in Nursing from the University of South Carolina. This nursing background served her well when she and husband Jack were part of a medical team that went to Anguilla in the 1960's; two very early Volunteers in Mission. She has served on the General Board of Global Ministries, National Division and Women's Division, the General Board of Church and Society, as a delegate to four general and jurisdictional conferences and as president of South Carolina Conference UMW. She has a special interest in the welfare of children, and is involved with the Women's Division in its mission and ministry with women, children and youth around the world.

The host pastor for Annual Meeting is REV. CHRIS ANDREWS, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church. A native of Opelousas, he graduated from Louisiana Tech University and St. Paul School of Theology where he was awarded the National Methodist Scholarship and the Preaching Award. He has studied at Goldsmith College in London, England and at Emory University in Atlanta, and received the Doctor of Divinity Degree at Centenary College in Shreveport. Chris is on the Board of Directors for the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston and on the Executive Committee of the Conference Center. He is currently serving his third term on the Board of Trustees of St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO. Very active in community affairs, he is responsible for monitoring legislation in the Louisiana House and Senate on behalf of the Louisiana Annual Conference. He and his wife Gloria are parents of two grown children.

The Baton Rouge District Superintendent is REV. LESLIE P. NORRIS, JR. He will assist with the communion service on Saturday. Rev. Norris has served various positions in Slidell and New Orleans, holding the distinction of being the longest full time chaplain in Dillard University history. He is presently serving on the Louisiana Conference Board of Global Ministries, the Louisiana Conference Commission on Archives and History and Camp Istrouma Board of Directors. Rev. Norris was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in 1991 and again in 1996. He and his wife, Rozetta, have two adult children.

WILMA CROSBY will install the newly elected officers. Wilma is a native of Mississippi and has a B.A. degree in Religion from Millsaps College. She has served as Youth Director for the Mississippi Conference. Wilma has been active in the field of Christian Education for many years, and has held offices at local and district levels. As a member of United Methodist Women, she has been active at all levels, having served as President of Shreveport District and Coordinator of Christian Global Concerns for the Conference. Wilma and her husband, Tom, a retired Methodist minister, are currently living in Baton Rouge and are members of Broadmoor UMC. They spend much of their time traveling and visiting with their children and grandchildren.

ERSONNEL

HARRIETTE ELROD, Conference Vice President, will present the opening devotional. A native of South Carolina, she now calls Tallulah home. A retired professor of American History, Harriette is active in UMW at local, district, and conference levels. She and her husband take an active role in various programs in their local church. They are the parents of three and they have seven grandchildren.

Lighting the Mission Candle at the opening of Annual Meeting will be MARIELOUISE (LOU) ALEXANDER. Lou has served United Methodist Women faithfully for many years, both locally and at district level. A certified Lay Speaker, she has led Bible Studies, taught Sunday School, spoken at various churches for UMW Sunday, and led retreats. After retiring from the State of Louisiana, she went to work as secretary at the Conference Office Headquarters Building and served under five different district superintendents. She is the mother of three; grandmother of six and is very proud of her six great-grandchildren.

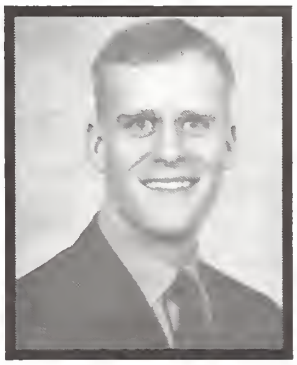
Honoring the retiring officers will be ETHEL VICKS. A resident of Baton Rouge and member of St. Mark United Methodist Church, Ethel has been active in United Methodist Women for many years.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Lois Heath. Lois was a very active member of St. Mark United Methodist Church and had held many positions of leadership in our Conference United Methodist Women. She was an Assistant Professor at Southern University. Lois was married to Daniel Louis Heath, Sr. and they had one son, Daniel Jr. Lois was to have had a part in our Annual Meeting and her sister, Ethel Vicks, has very graciously agreed to fill this vacancy.

ALICE STEVENS
UMW President
First United Methodist Church

COOKY COFFEY
Chairperson, Local Arrangements
Annual Meeting

KAREN PHILLIPS
Music Director



LAMAR DRUMMONDS
Organist

1999 COST OF MISSION SUPPORT

1 SECOND	$.63
1 MINUTE	$37.86
5 MINUTES	$189.30
1 HOUR	$2,271.29

The lighting of the MISSION CANDLE will again be a significant part of our Conference Annual Meeting, to be held on September 24-25, 1999 at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. The Candle was first burned at the 1979 Conference Annual Meeting as a Centennial Celebration of women organized for mission. Because of the loving and diligent promotion of Shirley Hoffpauir, then serving as Conference Treasurer, the tradition of the Mission Candle has evolved to represent our past, present, and future as women organized for mission. Units and individuals will want to be a part of this meaningful expression of our united commitment to a worldwide program of mission outreach.

Gifts may be given **IN MEMORY or IN HONOR OF** persons whose names will be inscribed by district in a CONFERENCE MISSION BOOK displayed near the candle. Each district will take home its list of names to display at District Annual Meetings. PLEASE NOTE that the person or unit giving the gift is responsible for notifying honorees and/or families of those memorialized. The MISSION CANDLE will burn for the exact length of time our total gifts will support mission through the Women's Division. When these funds would be used up, the candle will be extinguished. OUR GOAL is to burn the candle throughout the Conference Annual Meeting. This year we are implementing a program we hope will accomplish this, **"Can We Have a Second of Your Time?"**. Units are asked to solicit individuals to give the cost of one second of support with the ultimate goal of being a minute from each unit. However, there is no minimum or maximum gift requirement. All monies are incorporated into each Districts PLEDGE TO MISSION.

Please use this or the "Can I Have a Second" form to list names, indicating in which section each name is to be inscribed. Send the form, with your check to your District Treasurer by September 10th.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT - (If more space is needed, attach additional sheet. DO NOT write on back.)

Individual/Unit submitting form:_____
Church:_____ District:_____
City:_____ Phone: ( )_____

Given by: Name of Individual/Unit — In HONOR of:

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Given by:
Name of Individual/Unit — In MEMORY of:

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____

The Committee on Nominations makes the following recommendations of nominees for office to be elected at the Annual Meeting, September 24, 1999.

Nominated for re-election to another two-year term (2000-2001):

President
Elouise Sanders
120 Elouise Lane, Arcadia, LA 71001

Secretary
Carolyn Colvin
4727 Gilbert Drive, Shreveport, LA 71106-1817

Education and Interpretation
Frances Patton
407 Gregory Street, Vidalia, LA 71373-4072

Membership Nurture and Outreach
Brenda J. Canty
3509 North 38th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Nominated for election to a two-year term (2000-2001):

Communications Coordinator
Angelique White
1908 St. Maurice Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70117

Program Resources
*Yet to be filled

Executive Committee Representative - Charter for Racial Justice
Harriette Elrod
111 DeSoto, Tallulah, LA 71282

Nominated for election to a three-year term (2000-2002):

District President - Charter for Racial Justice
Jeanne Green
4940 Lafon Drive, New Orleans, LA 70126

Nominated for election to a four-year term on Nominating Committee (Class of 2000-2003):
Nell Hayes
4609 Autumnwood, Lake Charles, LA 70605
Helen Green
101 Scepter Circle, Lafayette, LA 70507

Women's Division Nominees for Women's Division Directors (2001-2004)
Doris Burnett Brown
12167 Banofax, Baton Rouge, LA 70814
Lottie Palazzo
2221 Elizabeth Street, Metairie, LA 70003
Hilda Doakes Sills
4745 Overton Drive, New Orleans, LA 70122

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Editor
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Historian
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Respectfully submitted,
Fannie Perkins Reddix
Chairperson, Committee on Nominations

CAN WE HAVE A SECOND OF YOUR TIME?

Keep the Mission Candle Burning — **Louisiana Conference UMW Annual Meeting**

Can you spare $.63 for a second of mission support?

Unit/Individual_____ **District**_____

60 seconds = 1 minute of mission support!! *Thank you for one more minute of undesignated Mission Support!!*

REGISTRATION FORM

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
ANNUAL MEETING
September 24 - 25, 1999

First United Methodist Church
930 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225) 383-4777

Send Registration to: Evelyn Evans
100 St. Clair
Natchitoches, LA 71417

Make checks payable to:
Louisiana Conference UMW
Pre-registration fee: $5.00
On-sight registration fee: $10.00

Name:_____

Address:_____

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Phone: ( )_____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

☐ Conference Office - Specify_____
☐ Conference Executive Committee_____
☐ District Office - Specify_____
☐ Local Unit Member ☐ Voting Delegate
☐ Former Conference President or Guild Secretary
☐ Guest

MEALS: ☐ Friday Supper ($10.00)
(Include with registration fee -
See "More about Annual Meeting")
☐ Friday Lunch ☐ Sat. Breakfast ☐ Sat. Lunch

Church:_____

City_____ District_____

Number in local unit_____

Where will you be staying during the meeting?_____

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Will child care be needed?_____

Ages of children_____ (No older than 10)

NOTE: Registration fee includes the cost of insurance from the time of departure for the meeting until return home, registration packet, and a small part of expense of meeting. (If you plan to take advantage of the supper at the church on Friday night, money must be included with registration.

DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION:
September 3, 1999

WOMEN'S DIVISION MAKES CHANGE

The Women's Division has made a change in the election of nominees for Women's Division as reported by Ann Needham, Executive Secretary for Leadership Development. The new change is as follows:

"Nominees for the Women's Division shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of each conference organization prior to Quadrennial Meeting of the jurisdiction. Each conference shall elect three nominees from a slate named by the conference ***Committee on Nominations****. Additional names may be nominated from the floor of the Annual Meeting with consent of the nominee."*

Ann Needham stated that during the spring when the Women's Division meets, this will become a apart of the Bylaw language.

The Women's Division urges us to be mindful of the need for inclusiveness, (Article V, Section 5) which is stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.

NOMINATING PROCEDURES

Procedures for nominating delegates and alternates to the jurisdiction organization of United Methodist Women, nominees and alternate to the Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries, shall be as follows:

a. The Conference Committee on Nominations shall be the nominating body.
b. Nominations shall be presented to the Annual Meeting for election.
c. Nominations may be made from the floor of Annual Meeting.

Jean Rockhold, Chairperson
Committee on Standing Rules
and Guidelines

1999 D.E.L.T.
"LR 2000: Leadership Training for the New Millennium"

Have you been nominated to serve as an officer on your District Elected Leadership Team? Are you wondering what in the world to do to get ready for the job? Well, Louisiana Conference UMW will host the annual DELT: District Elected Leadership Training Event:

"LR 2000: Leadership Training for the
New Millennium" (LR = Leadership Ready)
Saturday, October 16, 1999
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Louisiana Conference Center
Woodworth, LA
Rita Parham, Chairman
Brenda Canty, Co-Chairman

The 1999 D.E.L.T. goal is 100% training for all district elected leaders, and to prepare D.E.L.T. Teams to train local officers for a successful, enjoyable year of work in mission. It is requested that all district officers make plans to attend and stay for the entire training event. Plan for breakfast on your own; a nourishing lunch will be provided. District officers will receive advanced information from their conference counter part regarding officers training time.

South Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women

QUADRENNIAL MEETING

Hosting:
Core Planning Group & Nominating Committee
Oklahoma Conference
&
Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference
Date: March 17-19, 2000
Tulsa, OK

Theme:

"Leading the Way in God's Mission"

Scripture: II Corinthians 2:14
But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads in every place the fragrance that comes from knowing him.

Mission statement
Knowing God, empowered by the Holy Spirit for mission, the United Methodist Women of the South Central Jurisdiction gather to study, learn,elect leaders and to vision for the future.

Spiritual Enrichment · Fellowship
· Music · Workshops · Food
· Tours and much, much more

Remember the motto:
One Thousand in Two Thousand

Make your plans now to attend!
Everyone Welcome!

Coming Events

D. E. L. T.
•October 16 • La. Conference Center
•Rita Parham - Chair • Brenda Canty - Asst. Chair

1999 DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Acadiana	November 6	Sager-Brown Baldwin
Alexandria	October 9	Winnfield UMC
Baton Rouge	November 6	Ingleside UMC Baton Rouge
Lake Charles	October 30	Leesville UMC
Monroe	October 9	Memorial UMC Bastrop
New Orleans	October 30	St. Luke UMC New Orleans
North Shore	November 6	Denham Springs UMC
Ruston	October 30	Homer UMC
Shreveport	October 10	First UMC Bossier City

2000

- January 23 — UMW Sunday
- February 4-5 — Mid Year Executive Committee La. Retreat Center
- March 17-19 — South Central Jurisdiction Quadrennial Meeting,Tulsa, OK

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